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Erez talks in high gear

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THE joint Israeli-Palestinian steering committee, beaded by former chief of staff Dan Sbomron and Palestinian Authority minister Saeb Erekat, met for more than four hours at the Erez checkpoint yesterday, holding a preliminary discussion about Hebron.

Sources said that the ideas Israel raised have all been mentioned in recent days as ways to meet the government's concern for the security of 400 Jews living in the

These ideas include issuing pistols instead of rifles to Palestinian policemen; stationing troops on Jabal Abu Speineh, which overlooks the Jewish quarter; and increasing the number of soldiers

through more joint natrols. The Palestinian side neither accepted nor rejected the proposals, but today's talks "will be more important because we will get into the details," one of the sources

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi. a confidante of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, said on the Popolitika TV program that he thought the talks would be completed within "one month, but it depends on the Palestinians."

Palestinian negotiator Hassan Assour said that "nothing new" was raised in the talks yesterday. However, both sides described the atmosphere as "good."

Three US observers - special envoy Dennis Ross, Ambassador Martin Indyk and Consul-General Edward Abington - sat in on the meeting, arriving after it started. They are not expected to offer any proposals unless the talks become deadlocked.

After the meeting, Ross presented a statement on behalf of both sides, saying, "the talks were serious and businesslike."

The Palestinians have said that they will not reopen negotiations on Hebron and are willing to discuss only how the year-old agree-ment signed in Washington should be implemented.

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe said yesterday that the Israeli position was "hypocritical," since the agreement on the Hebron withdrawal was reached in consultation with Israel's senior security officials, including Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, the current OC Central Command.

Natshe said that placing the IDF on the high ground at Jabal Abu Speinen would not add to Israeli security since the entire "Old City

is surrounded by hills."

Within the 15%-20% of Hebron to remain under IDF control, "The seniers will be armed, the soldiers will be armed, only the 20-30,000 Palestinians will not be armed. It is unnecessary to talk about the need for security because it is assured 100%," he said.

However, Narshe said that two proposals raised recently would probably not find any objection: mcreasing the number of joint international ं अग्रत patrols

observers. Natshe yesterday hosted Russian Ambassador Alexander Bovin, a signatory to the Oslo 2 agreement, which includes the agreement on

redeploying in Hebron. Last night, Israel and the Palestinians agreed that both sides would carry only pistols at the Karei truck crossing in Gaza, Israel Radio said.





United Arab List MK Taleb a-Sanaa (center) leaves the Knesset plenum after being ejected for waving a black flag during Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn's address at yesterday's opening session of the Knesset's winter term.

Netanyahu may prefer final-status talks now

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said in the Knesset yesterday that after the Hebron issue is resolved, he is willing to negotiate the final disposition of the ter-

These final-status talks are supposed to deal with issues such as Jerusalem, settlements, refugees, and borders. Ironically, due to the little-understood intricacies of Oslo 2 on further Israeli pullbacks, this is beginning to look more appealing to Netanyahu.

It is important to note the timetable. Final-status talks were slated to begin on May 4, and to be completed three years later. The Peres government actually held a symbolic meeting before the elections, and the Palestinians cite the fact that such talks are not being held as yet another violation of agreements by the Netanyahu gov-

(The US was boping that security locations," was used in the

Netanyahu might atmounce a date for final-status talks at the White House summit, thereby enabling President Bill Clinton to point to some semblance of progress. However, Netanyahu refused, insisting that to do so would make it seem as if the Palestinians were

being rewarded for the violence in

the territories.) Some senior officials suggest that they would prefer to talk about the final disposition of the territories than be put in the apparent straitjacket of Oslo 2, under which by next fall Israel is supposed to pull back from all the territories into "specified military locations" in three stages, while remaining in control of the settlers. (A broader term, withdrawal to "specified

Camp David Accords.) Moreover, the locations must also be specified by September 1997, so the issue cannot be

fudged. In a broad sense, Oslo 2 attempted to unlink the territorial aspects of the final-status agreement, which would be decided by September 1997, from non-territorial aspects, such as Palestinian refugees, statehood, and Jerusalem, which did not have to be decided until May 1999.

In other words, the Pales could make major territorial gains before talks on such extremely difficult issues are resolved.

There are those in Labor who say that if elected, they would have wrapped up all aspects of peace with the Palestinians within a year,

and therefore there would not have been a difference between the end of the pullback phase and the end of the final-status talks.

However, assuming the Netanyahu government does not want to complete final-status talks until it is obligated to do so, it could very well be entering the most critical phase of those talks with very few territorial cards

Thus it seems Netanyahu may have wanted to signal that he would prefer final-status talks now to beginning them in earnest after already having yielded most of the

PM, Peres clash as new Knesset session opens

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the Knesset yesterday that he intends to continue with the dialogue with the Palestinians and will begin final-status discussions after the Hebron redeployment issue had been resolved.

His address in the plenum was interrupted by beckling, which crupted barely a minute into his speech. Taleb a-Sanaa (United Arab List) not only accused him of causing the deaths of Palestinians in the recent disturbances, he also unfurled a black flag of mourning. He was eventu-ally removed after being called to order three times.

Ahmed Sa'ad (Hadash) was also

ejected for heckling.

The debate lasted nearly five hours, but after a rough start, the plenum was almost empty and peaceful. Labor filed a no-confidence motion, but the vote on the motion will only be held next

Both Netanyahu and opposition leader Shimon Peres warmed up to their new roles during their turns at the lectern.

Netanyahn stressed the national consensus behind an agreement that grants maximum freedom to the Palestinians with maximum security for the Israelis. He repeated his commitment to signed agreements and to the principle of reciprocity.

"We are obviously committed to the Oslo agreement, even though we warned against the dangers it

entails," he said. "But we are also obliged to protect the safety of civilians ... We stand on two basic principles: security and reciproci-

ty in respecting agreements."

He stressed a strong and secure peace would be in the interests of both Israelis and Palestinians. He called on the Arabs to renounce terror and called on the world to

avoid putting pressure on Israel.
"I call on the Palestinian public again to renounce violence and to go in the way of peace, to peace," Netanyahu said. "I call on the international community to examine the situation here truthfully, to seek the truth. There are so many falsehoods and lies."

He emphasized that he is the prime minister of the whole coun-

When this government was elected, it was clear that the citizens - and I don't necessarily mean those who voted for us wanted two things: to continue the process of dialogue with the Palestinians in the hope that it would bring about true peace, and to get rid of the security threats which caused the murders of 220 Israelis since the Oslo agree-

ments," Netanyahu said. He said violations of the agree-ments are still taking place and called on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to "stop the violence, disarm terror organizations, and stop freeing murder-

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Prime minister's adviser on terrorism warns of attacks

THE prime minister's adviser on combating terrorism has called on the public to increase its awareness and be on extrasensitive alert for attacks by Islamic extremists this mouth.

"I don't want to panic the public," Brig.-Gen. Yigal Pressler said. "But there are alerts and I'm not just making this announcement for the bell

He said there is fear - and information - that Islamic Jihad will try to conduct ried out the assassination.

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attacks this month.

"October is considered by Islamic Jihad as the month of the intifada, and its activists are holding days of remembrance for a number of incidents, including the death of their leader Fathi Shkaki," Pressler said

- Shkaki was killed last October in Malta, and foreign reports said Israeli agents car-

"There exists a reasonable probability that the organiza-tion will try to act around these dates and carry out attacks," he

added.

Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the fatal Dizengoff Square bombing last March. The group's current head, Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, who is based in Damascus, has declared recently that he wants to hurt the peace process and avenge his predecessor's death.

Weizman to meet with Arafat, Mubarak

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafar are to meet at Weizman's Caesarea villa today to discuss the peace talks. Keinan said yesterday. A meeting between Weizman

and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt is being scheduled for next week, she added. Arafat confirmed that he would News agencies

attend the meeting. It will only be Arafat's second trip to Israel In November 1995, Arafat secretly

"I may be meeting with President Weizman tomorrow," Arafat said yesterday.
Army Radio said Prime

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu would join the two leaders, but both Keman and the Prime Minister's Office denied there were any plans for him to partici-

Keinan said Mnbarak had invited Weizman to visit him, but that a specific date had yet to be

.Weizman: We still need Egypt's support in peace process, Page 2

Weizman's spokeswoman Batya pate in the talks. visited Leah Rabin to express his condolences after her husband's

was unhurt yesterday, after two jeeps in his convoy collided while en route to Egypt, killing one

was leaving Gaza City, Palestinian officials said. at Shifa Hospital in Gaza. Two members of Arafat's

decided upon.

Bodyguard killed as Arafat's convoy crashes on way to Egypt PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat personal guard and two police officers were hospital-

Palestinian officer and injuring four. The jeeps crashed into each other as the convoy

Yousef Hader, 23, was killed, according to officials

ized with serious injuries. Arafat, who had been in another car, continued his

trip and met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak later in the day. In May 1995, one of Arafat's guards was killed

in May 1995, one of related a green while driving a when the guard crashed into a tree while driving a (AP) jeep at the front of the convoy.

Our dear aunt and cousin

NINA "MIRIAM" BARRY

widow of the late Jack (Yustin) Barry has passed away.

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, October 8, 1996 at the Holon Cemetery at 12:30 p.m.

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SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher yesterday urged Foreign Minister David Levy to take concrete steps that would demonstrate to the Palestinians that Israel is sincere about their welfare and about the peace process, diplomatic sources said.

Among the many issues the US considers relevant are facilitating trade between Gaza and the west Bank and enabling Palestinians to

The leading trading conduit for the Palestinians, the Karni crossing in Gaza, is currently closed. Israel is reportedly keeping it closed until the Palestinians agree to modified security arrangements there.

According to a statement put out by the Foreign Ministry after the meeting, Levy informed Christopher that Israel is in the process of lifting the so-called internal closure, which forbids Palestinian traffic between cities. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Christopher said that he wants the the talks on Hebron completed quickly. "I think we also have an acute

sense of the shortness of time and desire that we make progress as rapidly as possible," he said. He added that be has been assured that "Israel does not intend to try to rescind or modify"

existing accords, "but only to

implement them in an effective

and practical way. Christopher, however, seemed to express sympathy for Israel's view that the recent violence will affect security considerations.

Regarding the IDF redeployment in Hebron, Christopher said, Within the implementation, practical questions arise, and I think it's only fair to say that those practical questions now involve the recent violence."

After the meeting, Christopher flew to a previously scheduled



Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Foreign Minister David Levy shake hands at the press conference they held yesterday, following their meeting at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

(Brian Hendler)

Weizman says Egypt's support is essential for peace process

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IDF not ready to

resume joint patrols

in Judea and Samaria

THE IDF is in no rush to resume joint patrols with the Palestinian Police in Judea and Samaria, military sources said.

Joint patrols in the West Bank were halted during the bloody riots two weeks ago. At least two border policemen engaged in the joint patrols were among the 15 soldiers killed. The joint patrols in the Gaza Strip were halted for two days, then resumed.

Military sources said the clashes with the Palestinian Police caused a severe breakdown in the trust soldiers had in their Palestinian counterparts. They also said that the time is not yet ripe to resume the patrols.

The Palestinian-controlled areas where the joint patrols functioned are still off limits to Israelis, and the IDF wants to see how relations with the Palestinian Police develop, the sources said.

We've got no interest in starting them op for now," said one Central Command officer.

Israel Radio reported that the Palestinians had sought to resume the joint patrols, but Central are barred from leaving their Command sources said they were

not aware of any requests. Palestinians had not implemented lessons learned from last month's

the Yagur junction, near Haifa.

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against the IDF and SLA in the zone recently.

month, double what rear echelon troops receive.

recognition of their difficult service conditions."

invited UNIFIL's senior political adviser Timur

Goksel in live in Lebanon rather than Israel, follow-

ing a burglary at his home in Nahariya.

Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday that Berni

made the offer in a letter to Goksel, who is also

As-Safir reported that Berri, who is also the head of

lasted several hours.

IAF Cobra crash lands

helicopter crashes this year.

UNIFIL's spokesman.

Body washes ashore in Tel Avlv

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man killed while changing tire Mahdi Hijazi, 27, of Tamra, was killed Sunday night, when he was

hit by a truck while changing a flat tire on his car a kilometer from

Dolphinarium Beach yesterday. The body is in an advanced state of

decay and has been sent to the National Forensics Institute at Abu

Katsav, Jordanian minister meet in Bangkok

conference with his Jordanian counterpart at the annual convention

spoke of their commitment to peace and of such joint projects as the Lowest Park in the World, which is to be set up along the border at

of the American Society of Travel Agents in Bangkok. The two

A South Lebanese Army soldier was lightly wounded as fighting

continued in the security zone yesterday evening. He was evacuated

The wounded soldier was among troops manning a position in the

The mortar attack is believed to have been carried by Hizbullah, which together with its rival Amal, has intensified operations

IDF and SLA gumers returned fire, sparking an exchange which

An IAF Cobra helicopter crash landed in a field near Kiryat Gat

yesterday. There were no injuries, but the helicopter was slightly

A week ago, two Bell helicopters crash landed during training.

Combat soldiers get a raise
The average wage of combat soldiers will now be about NIS 550 a

The IDF Spokesman said it was decided in grant the raise as an expression of the value the army holds for their efforts and

Soldiers attending combat-training courses are also receiving the

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Nine servicemen were killed and two went missing in two

zone's eastern sector that came under fire from mortars.

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav yesterday held a joint press

The body of a man was discovered on the rocks off Tel Aviv's

clashes and took no action against policemen who fired on IDF

The army is also using the renewal of the joint patrols as a lever to bring about the prosecution of policemen who opened

In Erez, meanwhile, Israel reopened the industrial complex, but only 600 instead of the 2,000 Palestinian laborers with permits showed up since the reopening was announced late Sunday night. Another 700 Palestinians from the West Bank were allowed into Israel to help harvest olives.

Security sources said the intention is to ease the closure, in conjunction with the improving security cooditions.

The IDF announced the closure in Ramallah would be lifted as of 4:00 a.m. this morning. In a bid to make conditions easier for the Palestinians during the talks, Israel has already lifted the closure around Bethlehem, Jericho, Jenin, Tulkarm, and Kalkilya, Only the residents of Nabrus and Hebron

cities. But the army is still maintaining Another source said the a high alert and keeping its forces poised for any action should the situation suddenly deteriorate.

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that nobody was barmed.

about Berri's suggestion.

UNIFIL spokesman invited to live in Lebanon

LEBANESE Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri has Amal, had expressed sympathy to Goksel, but relief

THERE is no hope for the peace process without Egypt's support, so Israel must work to **EVELYN GORDON**

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obtain this support, despite the country's recent hostility towards Israel, President Ezer Weizman told a meeting of former MKs at the Knesset yesterday. "Egypt is the leader in these matters," he

explained. "Without Egypt, it is very hard to go in the direction of either peace or war." Therefore, despite the ariger they cause, the attacks on Israel in the Egyptian press should not be allowed to affect our relations with

Egypt - especially, he said, as our press is also not always innocent of wrougdoing. The president added that it was an illusion to think Jordan could take Egypt's place as

Israel's major Arab ally. "Jordan is a small state which depends on the rest of the Arab world," he said. "It can't lead

the pack." In addition to Egypt, Weizman said, another crucial factor that Israel must consider is the upcoming American elections, which incumbent President Bill Clinton seems almost cer-

"The Americans are angry." he said. "And

there's one thing we have to understand: That is that a president in his final term is a completely different president... We need to pre-

Weizman said that even though the peace process is now "at the beight of a crisis," he was cautiously optimistic, because everyone involved - Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Egypt, Jordan and the US - understands that they have a great deal to lose from its collapse. However, he warned, the talks will succeed only if all the parties "think very hard" about their behavior.

"No one has been especially righteous," he

It is also important not to get bogged down in assigning blame, Weizman said: While figuring out who was responsible for the crisis is an important task for academics, the important question for the politicians is what can be done to resolve it.

In this cootext, he said, it is important to remember that Yasser Arafat is the first elected tion he had advocated starting final-status talks Palestinian leader - whether Israel likes it or immediately.

not In addition, he said, though he is a "great believer" in the value of personal contacts, it is not eoough for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to meet Arafat and tell him to have faith; it will all work out.

"You also have to give something, to put something on the table," Weizman said. Israel must find ways to protect its security, the president added, but it must also avoid putting itself at odds with the entire world, and this means taking the Palestinians' needs into account. The alternative is not only the threat of more violence, he said, but also an ecocomic crisis, since the peace process has been one

three years. "Three weeks ago, we were in a good posi-tion economically," he said. "But I don't know what will be. There are already question marks."

of the major spurs to the economy over the past

Weizman also implicitly pushed for moving ahead with final-status talks, noting that while his position as president forbids him to express an opinion on the matter oow, before his elec-

Rafael unveils the Python-4 air-to-air missile

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RAFAEL has officially unveiled the Python-4, considered by many to be the best short-range, air-toair missile in the world, and hopes to market it abroad.

The missile, developed with no foreign components, has been used by the IAF for several years.
It will be seen by the public for the first time at the Seoul Air Show in South Korea, which opens next-week. The show draws potential customers from across southeast

The Python-4 has a unique aerodynamic design which incorporates large fins, giving it superior agility. Most older missiles have small fins, so they don't turn well.
The Python-4 is a heat-seeking,
"fire and forget" missile, incorporating a high penetration warhead with an active proximity fuse, which allows it to be deadly even if it doesn't score a direct hit. The missile has never been tested in battle, however.

Rafael, in a statement, described the Pythoo-4 as "the most advanced ... missile to be carried hy combat aircraft. The missile's unique maneuverability and allaspect sensitive seeker achieve the absolute advantage, eveo in the fiercest dogfights."

"I don't want to be too much of I a braggart, but it has been said that . this is the best air-to-air missile in the world," said Rafael spokesman

Noah Shahar. He would not quote a price for the missile, but said it would be competitive. "We believe that there is a great potential for marketing the Pythoo-4," Shahar

He noted the Python-4 did oot have any foreign components or technology so that there was oo need for Rafael to get a foreign country's permission to sell it.

Despite the low profile, other countries have known about the Python for several years. Its current closest rival the Russian A-11. which is used by the Syrian MiG-29's. But the US is currently developing the A9X, which it is touting as competitive, not with the A-11, but with the Python-4.

Dole: I won't make Mideast a US issue

REPUBLICAN presidential candidate Robert Dole, who accused President Bill Clinton las week of arranging the emergency Middle East summit as a photo opportunity, has now stated that the peace process should not become an American political issue.

At Sunday night's presidential debate, Dole also charged the Clinton administration with managing the recent Middle East crisis

and overall American foreign policy — on an ad-hoc basis. He said the administration had not achieved much at the summit.

Clinton defended calling the meeting, saying Israeli-Palestinian distrust demanded he take the step.

The Mideast is very difficult, but it seemed to me, just as an observer, that before you'd call somebody to America, you'd have

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show they are serious about the

peace option hy stopping the ter-ror and recalled Anwar Sadar's

words: "No more war, no more

bloodshed." He said the negotiat-

ing process is fraught with haz-

ards and frustrations, but can only

succeed if the sides refuse to use

the obstacles as an excuse for vio-

Netanyahu said Israel is

preparing for redeployment in

Hebron, while protecting two

principles: the security of the res-

He said the Palestinians must

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some notion what the end result might be," Dole said in response to a question by PBS news anchor Jim Lehrer during the debate in Hartford, Connecticut. "Now maybe it's better just to get together and sit down and talk.

Maybe that was the purpose."

The exchange was the only one dealing with Israel during the first of the two scheduled presidential debates. Their 90-minute exchange dealt primarily with economic policy and quality of life issues. The candidates also clashed over American policy toward Cuba and over Clinton's handling of Iraqi leader Saddam Husseio's recent threats against Kuwait and Iraqi Kurds.

Dole said he was "disappointed" Clinton had not called for an unconditional end to last mooth's Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

"[The Middle East] is a difficult area. No doubt about it," he said. "It shouldn't be politicized in any way by the president or by his opponent. And I don't intend to politicize it. I hope that they talk and I hope they reach some result and that the killing will end."

Clinton underscored the administration's support for the peace process, for Israel's security and for those taking risks for peace. "I would like to have had a big, organized summit," Clinton said. "But those people were killing each other, rapidly. Innocent

in the aftermath of the change of [Israel's] government. I felt that if I could just get the parties together to say, 'Let's stop the violence, start talking, commit to the negotiations,' that would be a plus." Meanwhile, according to syndicated

Arab children, innocent Israeli people. They

were dying. So much trust has broken down

columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, Clinton agreed to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's condition that at the summit, he would not pressure Netanyaho

Clinton "did oot try very hard" at the summit to get Netanyahu to commit to a deadline for the Hebroo redeployment, the columnists yesterday quoted US officials as saying. Related Stories, Page 5

KNESSET

Peres was in a fighting mood. He was repeatedly heckled -mainly by Benny Elon (Moledet) - for having given the Arabs guns. He responded: "So take them back! You have tanks. Go take them!"

The theme of his speech was a list of "foolish mistakes" he said Netanyahu had made. These included the meeting with Arafat despite Likud election promises; the opening of the new exit from the Hasmonean Tunnel; delaying

the Hebron redeployment, rejecting foreign aid from the US; stating Israel will not leave the Golan Heights, while demanding negotiations with the Syrians with no preconditions; achieving nothing in the US; and insulting Egypt.

He said Netanyahu bas split the people like never before and placed Jerusalem on the world's agenda. Netanyahu is talking about reciprocity, while acting unilaterally, Peres said. He likened him to a person who

goes to a horse race, asks why all the horses are galloping, and

decides to be a tortoise instead. But if you are a tortoise, will the horses stop galloping?" Peres *

Peres said in its first Il I days in power, the government had managed to alienate the whole world. including the US: stop economic investment; and cause bloodshed.

He said the main holy places in Hebron will remain in IDF hands. and that raising final-status issues now would place Jerusalem on the agenda at the moment it is most tense and vulnerable.

continues in London

a car which had been parked as

close to the embassy as possible.

idents of the Jewish community in

Hebron, the oldest Jewish city in

the world, and ensuring the safety

He said the arrangements be

would shortly propose would

ensure this, adding that if the

Hebroo agreement were to

explode it could bring down the

whole peace process with it. He

also noted the humane aspects of

relieving the situation for both

Arabs and Jews in the city, and

said be was acting to ease the clo-

sure and curfew as much as possi-

ble, given the security situation.

of the holy places in Hebron."

housewife drove a car carrying the bomb that badly damaged the Israeli Embassy here in 1994 in a bid to derail the Arab-Israeli peace process, prosecution lawyers told a

any accommodation with Israel."

LONDON (Reuter) - A Palestinian Zekru left the bomb in the trunk of of Jordan signed the Washington Declaration paving the way for peace between their countries.

The same day, letters claiming responsibility for the attack were posted to two Arabic newspapers and the PLO's London offices from a group calling itself the "Palestine Resistance Jaffa Group in Palestine," Calvert-Smith said.

of Palestinian origin and are well integrated into English society and the middle and upper-middle



Israeli Embassy bomb trial

London court yesterday.

David Calvert-Smith alleged
Nadia Zekra was a member of a group of middle-class, Londonbased Palestinians who believe that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is "misguided in his attempts in come to The bomb, which exploded in July 1994, badly damaged the embassy and shattered the windows of nearby houses. No one

was inpared. Calvert-Smith told the court that

"The lesson he should learn from the incident is come

Goksel confirmed that a great deal of property had

been stolen in the break-in, which occurred while be

was in New York recently. He declined to comment

and live in Lebanon," Berri was quoted as saying.

Zekra, 49, has denied the charge of causing an explosion. Another woman and two mee on

trial with Zekra deny conspiracy charges. They are accused of taking part in the planning and manufacturing of the bomb and a secand bomb which exploded outside a Jewish charitable organization in The bomb was set off at the

embassy after prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein

He said all four defendants "are



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Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer meets yesterday in Jerusalem with his South Korean counterpart, Dr. Ahn Byung Young. The two discussed launching joint projects.

Policeman said to have shot illegal parker in Givatayim

THE Justice Ministry's police investigation divisioo is to probe an incident in Givatayim yesterday, in which a policeman allegedly shot at a man who was being ticketed for parking

According to police, the driver refused to accept the traffic ticket written by one of two patrolmen, and then tried to run one of them over. Police also said he beat up one of the policemen, who was then forced to "fire shots

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Two bullets hit the driver's car, and one ricocheted back on the 30-year-old Ramat Gan resident, wounding him lightly in the leg. The policeman was also taken to the hospital suffering from light injuries.

The driver said the shots were unprovoked. According to eyewitnesses, the policeman shot at the driver after the latter had already received the parking ticket and was about to drive off.

"We pleaded with the policeman not to shoot," one man in the area said. It is thought the driver may have refused to show his license and give his personal details,

one source said. Other passershy said that the two policemen beat the offending driver even after he had beeo placed in the Magen David Adom ambu-

lance called to take him to bospital.

The driver was detained for questioning after receiving medical treatment.

Country to mark World Depression Day as part of Mental Health Week

JUDY SIEGEL

a.m. to 4 p.m.

Merav Sbani of the Psagot

Institute notes that anyone can be

acutely depressed without suffer-

ing from mental illness, but that it

is important to pick up the signals

in time so the condition can be

In 80 percent of the cases, there is no logical reason for depres-

sion. In other cases, the person

becomes depressed from the death

or severe illness of a close rela-

tive, separation, career problems

or loss of property. Depression

may also hit as a result of taking

certaio medicatioos, hormonal problems, alcohol consumption or

liver or renal (kidney) insufficien-

Visitors to the information

booths and those who call may fill

out an anonymous questionnaire

listing 23 statements, which they

will self-grade according to a

Those with over 40 points may

be in deep depression; from 30 to

39 in moderate depression; from

22 to 29 in light depression and

below that have no mood prob-

point system.

ISRAELIS will on Thursday mark Binyamin pedestrian mall from 10 World Depression Day for the first time - though it has nothing to do with the political or security situa-

The event, begun six years ago hy the American Psychiatric Association, Harvard Medical school and McLean Hospital in the US, aims at helping people to screen themselves for low moods using a questionnaire.

Called "Bluc Thursday," the awareness day has been integrated into Mental Health Week and organized by Eran (Emotional First Aid, the over-the-phone volunteer service) and the Psagot Institute in Ramat Gan.

In the US alone, 2,000 centers offering free counselling and assessment will be open for Blue Thursday. Here, open phone lines are to be available from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. They are to be manned by psychologists, psychi-atrists and elinical social workers (at 03-5741858 or 03-5461111).

In addition, information stands will be open in the courtyard outside the Tel Aviv Cinematheque on Thursday from 8 p.m. to midnight and on Friday in the Nahlat

Herzliya parents keep children out of school

ATTENDANCE was very light in Herzliya schools yesterday, as parent's kept their children home to protest the low amount the city budgets for education.

The local Parents Committee, which has twice previously called similar strikes, said the city only spends a third as much oo education as nearby Ramat Hasharon, Ra'anana, or Kfar Sava.

After the previous strikes, a commission headed by an accountant determined that Herzliya spends approximately the same on education as other local authorities, but

the parents rejected these findings. Mayor Eli Landao said he has had no contact with the Parents Committee since its decision to strike. He charged the strike was fomented by several parents for political reasons, and said he is proud of his city's educational achievements.

Educatioo Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell said that "this is not the way to solve local problems, and seems especially strange in Herzliya, where the mayor has advanced education several levels."

Nahum Tim Gidal buried

DR. Ignaz Nahum Tim Gidal, one of the world's first photojournalists, was buried yesterday in Jerusalem. He died Friday at 87.

He mounted over 15 solo and group exhibitions at museums in Europe, the US, and Israel. Many of his images were added to public collections. His publications included a number of studies about photojournalism and the contribution of Jews to photography, a history of German Jewry (in German), and several large-format books about Israel and Jerusalem, illustrated with his own and collected photographs. He was among the

earliest news photographers to publish reports in color.
Gidal was born in Munich in 1909. While a student at the universities of Munich and Berlin, he published his first photo essay on hippy-like vagabonds in the Muenchner Illustrierte Press in 1929.

Gidal traveled widely with his camera; in the early '30s he visited many

to take a professorship in communications at the Hebrew University. In 1983 he was awarded the prestigious Erich Salomon Prize. Gidal is survived by his wife Pia and his son Peter.

European countries and Palestine. After spending many years abroad, Gidal returned to Jerusalem in 1970

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Hollywood director urges local filmmakers to focus on Israel HELEN KAYE

DESPITE the regional unrest, noted Hollywood director Arthur Hiller feels perfectly comfortable about being in Israel.

"I knew that the areas we'd be in wouldn't be areas of trouble," he said at the Hilton yesterday, "although lots of people told me don't go."

Hiller, who is president of the American Academy of Film Arts and Sciences, is the guest of honor at tonight's Israel Film Academy Awards at the Mann Auditorium, where he will present the prize for Best Screenplay. Best remembered for his blockbuster his Love Story, Hiller has made some 30 films in his long career.

The local Academy Awards, he said, "encourage the young people going into film to strive for excellence." He urged local filmmakers to make Israeli films, not American ones. Let your own cul-

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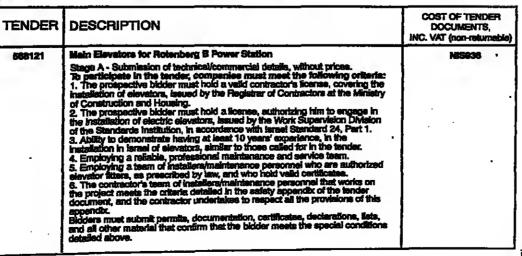
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ure guide you. in a related development, Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer announced yesterday that there would be no budget cut to film institutions such as the Quality Film Foundation and the New Film and Television foundation. Following a meeting with film industry representatives and Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky, Hammer further announced that should Sharansky's ministry be forced to make a threatened cut of NIS 5.5 million, his office would make up the sum, in addition to the NIS

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IDF to allow outside investigation of 1992 training accident

IN an unprecedented move, the IDF will permit a 1992 training accident to be investigated by an external committee headed by a retired judge, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

This is the first time the IDF has ever permitted an external investi-

This is a precedent-setting achievement of the first order," said attorney Eliad Shraga, representing the parents of soldiers Gil Tzuriano and Assaf Rosenberg, who fell to their deaths when a rescue helicopter's cable snapped during a drill. "This is truly a great

The state's announcement was in response to the parents' petition. The accident had been investigated by two different IDF inquiry committees, which reached contradictory conclusions, and the parents had therefore asked the court to order an external committee appointed to determine the truth.

The petition also demanded a police investigation into the second committee, charging that then OC air force Herzl Bodinger appointed it deliberately to undermine the findings of the first committee, and that witoesses were intimidated, evidence tampered with, and documeous forged.

In an affidavit submitted to the court yesterday, Attorney-General **EVELYN GORDON**

Michael Ben-Yair admitted that four years after the accident, what really happened is still not known. This is problematic for the IDF. which needs to know how to prevent similar accidents, and equally so for the parents, whose distrust of a procedure which produced two conflicting reports, though unjustified, is understandable, he

Therefore, the IDF has decided to take the "unusual" step of appointing an external inquiry committee headed by a retired district court judge, the affidavit

The committee will be composed of senior reserve officers and civilian experts - another unusual move, since such committees are usually composed of serving officers. Furthermore, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Geo. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak will allow the parents to propose nominees, as long as they meet the necessary qualifications.

The IDF. Ben-Yair said will accept whatever the committee finds. but will consider this absolutely the last word on the subject.

However, he added, it will set up this committee only if the parents drop their other demands, or after the court has ruled on both this petition and an earlier ooe general, he said.

mechanic be indicted for negligence. There is no point to the committee if criminal proceedings are being conducted on the very points it is supposed to investi-gate, he said.

The pareots' demand for a police investigation into the second committee is unjustified anyway, the affidavit continued, since there is no evidence of

wrongdoing.
For instance, it said, criticism of the decision to stop a Military Police investigation, which the parents claimed had appeared in a first draft of one report but been erased from the final version, actually appeared in the final version, hut not in the first draft. Inquiry committees acting in good faith can still reach conflieting conclusions, Ben-Yair stressed, so the police will not investigate unless the external committee uncovers grounds for doing so.

Finally, Ben-Yair told the court the IDF has decided to change orders allowing senior officers to order an inquiry committee into soldiers' deaths in place of a Military Police investigation. This option will not be eliminated, as the parents had wished, but the right to exercise it will be transferred into the haods of the judge-advocate

Shaare Zedek journal features ad from cigarette importer

THE official journal for Shaare Zedek Hospital's annual dinner, whose proceeds will go to its oncology department, contains a half-page advertisement from the country's leading cigarette importer,

The ad, placed by Menashe H. Eliachar Ltd., appeared along with dozens of others in the journal handed out to nearly 400 contribulors at the Jerusalem International Convention Center on Sunday night. The company offered

"greetings for the New Year from Menashe H. Eliachar Ltd., importer of Marlboro, Parliament, L&M, Kent, Lucky Strike, and other cigarette brands."

Asked to comment. Prof. Jonathan Halevy, director-general of the Jerusalem hospital, said he was "very sorry about the ad. It was in bad taste and shouldn't have occurred. We will never accept ads from tobacco compa- The Jerusalem Post.

Halevy said that ads for the journal had been solicited by "young women who apparently were notaware of the implications involved in taking an advertisement from a tobacco importer" for a hospital dinner raising funds for treating cancer patients.

Halevy said be had merely leafed through the journal and not known about the Eliachar ad until it was brought to his attention by

Man jailed for knowingly infecting girlfriend with AIDS

AVI Filansia, 34, of Ashkelon, was sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment and three years suspended yesterday for infecting his former girlfriend with AIDS when she was 16. He will also have to pay her NIS 84,000 in damages, Ashkeloo Magistrates' Court

The woman tried to build a case against Filansia as a murderer, because he had not informed her he had AIDS before they had sexual relations and had done nothing to prevent her from getting the disease. She filed charges against him five years ago, after her mother viewed a TV interview in which Filansia spoke to Dan Shilon about AIDS.

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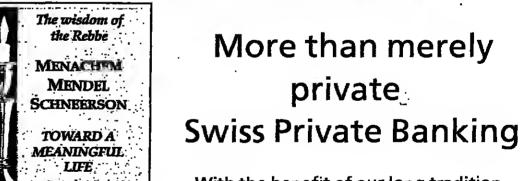
Filansia, who also suffers from hemophilia, contracted the disease from a blood transfusion he

received from bospital.
Filansia expressed no regret, saying he had not broken any laws. His lawyer painted a picture of a gloomy childhood, due to hemophilia. The prosecuting lawyer asked for a life sentence,

saying: "He committed a grave injustice against this girl. The accused did not behave with cantioo and thus took advantage of the trust she put in him and her innocence and infected her with a fatal disease." Judge Haim Nachmias cited law which gives peo-

ple with infectious diseases the responsibility of preventing others from catching them. He said that AIDS victims must do everything possible to avoid infecting others.

Filansia said he plans to appeal.



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Disease treatment work wins Nobel Medicine Prize

STOCKHOLM (Reuter) - Two scientists, one Australian and the other Swiss, shared the 1996 Nobel Medicine Prize yesterday for a discovery that has given hope for the treatment of diseases such as cancer, diabetes and AIDS.

Australian Peter Doherty, 55, and Swiss Rolf Zinkernagel, 52, received the prestigious award, worth 7.4 million crowns (\$1.12 million), for joint work at the John Curtin School of Medical Research in Canberra, Australia, between 1973 and 1975.

"It's a fantastic feeling... I'm still in a state of shock. It is a tremendous recognition," Doherty told Reuters in a telephone interview from his home in Memphis, Tennessee.

In Zurieh, Zinkernagel expressed surprise and pleasure. Yes, yes, I'm very happy... I haven't had time yet to drink any champagne because the phone has been ringing constantly since I received the call from Stockholm," he told Reuters.

The pair discovered how the immune system recognizes and can then kill virus-infected cells.

Sten Grillner, chairman of the Nobel Medicine committee, said the discovery changed the direction of immunology, unlocking the mystery of how a vaccine needs to

Over time it has become more and more apparent how important this discovery was and continuation of this work has had a major impact on the whole field," Grillner told Reuters after the award was announced at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

"Already it has led to successful vaccines for animals and if one has

last week that they had devised a

cure the growing problem of impotence in men living in the

Doctors presenting the two by

three centimeter box which is

inserted into the scrotum said they

had already been flooded with

requests for the new breakthrough.
"In Europe, the implantable

prototype will be possible within a

year," said Giuseppe Tritto, direc-

tor of an andrology center in Paris

which helped develop the device. 'We're already getting plenty of

The "pacemaker" consists of a

battery-operated microchip in a

box that connects to sensors at the

base of the penis to help men who

Tritto said the smart chip stimu-

lated nerves and regulated the

flow of blood through vessels in

the penis, triggering a normal

erection when the man was stimu-

lated sexually.

The device, fitted during a two-

bour operation requiring a small incision, would be invisible to the

naked eye.
It would be worn permaneotly

cannot achieve an erection.

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requests."



Nobel Medicine Prize winner Rolf Zinkernagel, left, head of the Institute of Experimental Immunology at the University of Zurich, receives congratulations from the university's rector, Hans Heinrich Schmid. Zinkernagel shared the prize with Australian-born Peter Doherty.

must not be far away before you can do the same with humans."

a specific animal.

"Now it is possion."

Adjunct committee member Lars Klareskog said the discovery had laid the foundations for further research which has now taken the field one step further.

Zinkernagel and Doherty found mice infected with a virus able to cause meningitis developed killer T-lymphocytes that could destroy

Italian doctors devise

'pacemaker' for

impotence

ROME (Reuter) - Doctors said replaced every few years. The

"pacemaker" which could help to around \$6,500 - similar to the cost

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such a vaccine for animals, then it the virus-infected cells, but only in

Now it is possible to see exactly how the T-cells... can recognize different parts of the micro-organisms and therefore it is possible devise to much more efficient vaccines," Klareskog told a news conference.

This is not yet possible in man but it is possible in animal diseases and it gives great hope for

Grillner said the find related to hoth efforts to streogtheo the immune response against invading microorganisms and certain forms of cancer and to lessen the effects of auto-immune reactions in inflammatory diseases like rheumatic conditions, multiple sclerosis and diabetes.

"But essentially I cannot see why it could not also be imported for AIDS," Grillner said.

Queen reportedly offers to pay off Fergie in return

of a heart pacemaker - and could be on sale after five years. Impotence is a growing problem, particularly in developed

doctors estimated it would cost

Tritto and other French and Italian andrologists - the equiva-lent of "male gynecologists" - say men aged between 50 and 70 were most at risk, but even youths could

Swedish men might find the device of particular interest. The doctors said impotence affected 22 percent of men in Sweden, compared with 15 percent io the United States, 14 percent in

France and 11 percent in Italy. The doctors said impotence had a physical cause such as circulatory problems, diabetes, drug ahuse or high alcohol or eigarette con-

sumption in 80 percent of cases. Stress or anxiety caused the problem far less. But they said the condition was curable in 75 per-

cent of cases. The "pacemaker" will be tested next year in Paris oo some 15 men of varying ages suffering from impotence related to diabetes or but its batteries would have to be neurological problems.

for daughters LONDON (AP) - Queeo Princess Eugenie, 6, to her for-Elizabeth II has offered to settle mer bushand, The Sun said.

the debts of ber former daughter-in-law the Duchess of York if the troublesome ex-royal gives op custody of her two daughters and agrees oof to talk about the royals, a tabloid reported yester-

> The duchess' office described the report in The Sun as "hurt-

A Bockingham Palace spokeswoman called it "speculative" and said there was oo change to the May divorce agreement between the former Sarah Ferguson - "Fergie" to the tabloids - and Prince Andrew,

that gives them joint eustody.

Last week, the fun-loving duchess saw her intimate conversations with her fortune-teller splashed all over toll phone lines and the tabloids and abandoned her hid to prevent a former friend

publishing a tell-all book. Tahloids reports over the weekend said in a stinging letter last year, Princess Margaret, sister of the queen, branded the ducbess a disgrace to the family.

The Sun said yesterday that the queen's new offer is the "hrainehild of [her hushand] Prince Philip, who is determined to stop Fergie bringing any further shame on the royals and protect the childreo."

It said the queen would settle the duchess' £5 million (\$7.5 millioo) debts and pay for her to

set up bome abroad. Io return, Sarah, 36, would mer bushand, The Sun said.

The duchess also woold lose ber title and would bave to abandon plans for an autobiography, to be published later this year, the newspaper reported. She lost the designation Her Royal Highoess when ber divorce became final.

Last Tuesday, a telecommunications watchdog shut down a toll phone number that allowed the public to eavesdrop on recordings of her cooversations with ber fortune teller, "Madam" Vasso Kortesis, in which she eriticizes members of the royal family and male acquaintances.

Some newspapers simultaneously serialized a book by "Madam" Vasso, which includes the allegation that the duchess offered Princess Diana advice

Also last week, the duchess dropped a court action to prevent publication of Fergie: Her Secret Life, a tell-all book hy Alan Starkie, a former friend and business partner of John Bryan, the American who was photographed nuzzling the feet of the topless duchess.

According to news reports, it was the Bryan episode that incensed Princess Margaret. She reportedly wrote to the duchess in March 1994, complaining that "Not ooce have you hung your head io embarrassmeot even for a minute after those disgraceful photographs."
"You have done more to bring

relinquish all custody rights shame on the family than could over Priocess Beatrice, 8, and ever have been imagined."

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Fox News Channel goes on air, to take on CNN, MSNBC

NEW YORK (AP) - Rupert Murdoch's new cable television news station went on the air yester-

TWO no-warning bombs rocked the British army's headquarters in

Northern Ireland yesterday, send-

ing up a plume of black smoke and

A police spokesman said two blasts struck inside the barracks.

the first in e parking lot, the sec-

ond near the base's main medical

facility just after 4:30 p.m. local.

He said the wounded could

involve either soldiers or civilian

The hlasts shook homes sur-

rounding Thiepval Barracks, the army's headquarters in Lisburn southwest of Belfast. A smoke plume 100 meters high could be seen over the beavily fortified installation as ambulances based

installation as ambulances headed

to the scene, and helicopters hov-

upwards of 20 injuries.

ered overhead.

wounding up to 20 people.

day with a crisp "Good morning."
As FNC joined CNN and MSNBC in cable's all-news alphabet soup, it fulfilled Murdoch's dream of plugging a TV-news operation into his global media empire — a dream he's already spent more than \$100 million

FNC promised to serve as the latest test of viewers' capacity for news as the cable upstart began its scramble

for viewers. "It's going to take us a month or two to get up [to speed]," said the chairman of Fox's news division, Roger Ailes. "Right now, we're just trying to run the technical tracks and make sire that we cover the basics. But when I watch news, everybody covers the same story exactly the same way. We're not going to neces-

sanily do that." In announcing his plans for a 24-hour news channel in November, Murdoch said that Ted Turner's CNN had become too liberal in recent years and needed to be challenged. Now FNC is pounding home in its promotions how it will be "fair and balanced." Its slogan: "We report. You decide."

News Corp., based in Australia, is a \$9 billion company with newspaper, TV and other interests in Asia, Europe, Latin America and Australia.

For the moment, the cable-news service dominates the news organization, started five years ago, that feeds reports to affiliates of the Fox broadcast network. Fox News also offers network coverage of major stories and, since April, has aired a Sunday morning interview program, Fox News Sunday. Ailes has also announced plans to introduce a prime-time news magazine next

FNC's programming plan calls for a 10-minute news segment every half-hour. During the day, the other 20 minutes will be devoted to special topics such as health, politics or business. During the evening, news updates will be part of hour-long shows, such as a nightly interview program anchored by Catherine

FNC has significant obstacles. For the moment it is mostly unavailable to the United States' largest media market, thanks to an unexpected decision last month by Time Warner, the imminent new owner of CNN, not to carry FNC on Time Warner Cable, which serves Manhattan.

SHAWN POGATCHNIK **LISBURN**, Northern Ireland

British army HQ

bombs at the site. Lishurn Deputy Mayor Peter O'Hagan said the blasts were

about 15 minutes apart. "We've been living on a razor edge on the last few days and weeks," be told the BBC. "But everyone was expressing the hope that the madness would not begin

again."
"I certainly hope it's not the beginning of a slide into the may-At least nine people - five men and four women - suffering from hem that we had a few years ago," said the deputy mayor of the mosthead, chest and leg injuries arrived at Lagan Valley Hospital, said Protestant town.

hospital spokesman James Livingstone. Four suffered from There was no indication either of who might be responsible, although the Irish Republican Army would be the leading susserious injuries, and one suffered a heart attack. He said he expected

> "If it was the IRA it represents a new shift in their present strategy because it returns violence to the streets of Northern Ireland again," said Jeffrey Donaldson, a leading member of the province's main pro-British Protestant party, the Aster Unionists.

The timing may be critical. The Ambulances were headed towards Belfast as well, and three attack comes on the eve of the rulbomh squad vehicles sped towards ing Conservative Party conference the base, suggesting that there Bournemouth, southern were concerns there were other England, and IRA supporters

in Ulster bombed hlame Prime Minister John Major for mishandling the peace process. Arriving in Bournemouth, Major said he believed that the second bomh was placed near the medical station deliberately, to target the injured and their care-

givers.
"I think what they have done is barbaric," be said. In the American city of

Pittsburgh, where he was attending a conference to promote husiness in the province, Northern Ireland Secretary Patrick Mayhew said his government would not be

What astonishes is their belief that they can change anything this way," he said. "They will achieve

And as the bombers struck, representatives of a pro-British "loyalist" paramilitary group were meeting only a few kilometers from Lisburn at the top-security Maze prison to debate whether to continue their own two-year-old

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble urged them out to be tempted into armed action.

"Do not allow yourself to be provoked, don't joint the IRA in their wickedness," he said on the

Pope undergoes surgery today

of medical tests yesterday ahead of appendix surgery which has unleashed a flurry of speculation about the true state of his health.

"He's a good patient," a senior medical source at the Gemelli bospital said. adding: "I doo't think he's very happy to be having these tests. No one likes to be in a hospital."

The Vatican and doctors confirmed that the operation would take place today.

Hospital sources said staff had carried out blood and urine tests, an electrocardiogram, an echodoppler to determine the quality of blood flow and a chest X-ray. Asked if this was normal before

an operation, one senior hospital source said: "It is routine for a person who is 76, especially when you have a 76-year-old who is a

Cardiologist Attilio Maseri said the Pope's heart was in good shape. "Everything is fine. He's wouldn't believe me anyway. okay. He's not [just] 'okay with Don't worry," the pope's private limitations'," he said.

ROME (Renter) - Pope John Paul, described as a "good patient" with a strong heart, completed a battery of medical tests yesterday ahead unpredictable."

Professor Francesco. Crucitti, who will lead the surgical team, said the Polish-born pope was well and had spent a restful night at the Gemelli, where besieging media from around the world recorded his arrival late on Sunday.

The pope is expected to stay in the hospital for some five days. barring complications, prior to convalescence.

The Vatican announced plans for the surgery last month in a state-meet which said a recurrect inflammation of the appendix had been the cause of three bouts of "intestinal fever" which the pope has suffered since Christmas,

His recent frailty has caused widespread speculation from the media and doctors who are not treating him that he may be more seriously ill and suffering from a

"If I tell you he's fine you secretary, Moosignor Stanislaw Maseri said electrocardiograms Dziwisz, joked with a reporter and echo-doppler results showed who asked how the pope felt.

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Sydney - The No. 1 place to visit

NEW YORK (AP) - Sydney, Australia, placed just above San Francisco in Conde Nast Traveler magazine's ninth annual reader survey of the world's Top 20 cines. Queenstown, New Zealand, which placed third among the 30,000

readers in the survey, is a newcomer to the Top 20. It won high marks in all three categories: environment-ambience, fun-energy and people-The worldwide Top 20 list follows with No. 4 Florence; then New

Orleans, Rome; Vietoria, British Columbia.; Vancouver; Venice; Charleston; Santa Fe; London and Salzburg (tied for 13th); Vietna; Quebec; Melbourne, Australia; Toronto; San Miguel de Allende, Mexico: and Kyoto. The survey in Traveler, a monthly magazine with a readership of near-

ly three million, appears in the October issue out yesterday. On the top 10 US list, San Francisco was named the favorite city for domestic tourists for the eighth time in nine years.

Following the top spot were New Orleans; Charleston, South Carolina; Santa Fe, New Mexico.; Boston; Seattle; San Antonio; Honolulu; New York and Savannah, Georgia.

Top winners in other categories included: Top Islands: Maui and Kauai in Hawaii took the top two spots.

Best Airline: Singapore Airlines. Best Cruise Line: Silversea, based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Best Foreign Resort: Villa d'Este, Cernobbio, Italy.

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Clinton-Dole presidential debate fails to produce knockout blow

HARTFORD, Connecticut

LIKE two wary boxers, President Bill Clinton and Republican chal-lenger Boh Dole traded jabs and barbs in the first presidential debate on Sunday, with both scoring points but neither landing a knockout hlnw.

Dole, trailing by 15 percentage points m the latest Reuters poll and badly needing a clear victory to get back in the race, was more aggressive, mixing hlunt attacks on Clinton with witty asides while avoiding excessive harshness.

With one month until Election Day, Clinton was mostly content to defend his record, only occasionally coming out to attack Dole and the Republican-led Congress.

This debate won't change anybody's mind," said Wayne Field, a historian of presidential speeches at Washington University in St. Louis. "There were no real surprises, and in some ways it showed these two men ideologically are not so very far apart. If anything, this may help Dole a little. He may get a oudge up."

Three instant public opinion polls by ABC, CBS and CNN television networks suggested Clinton was the winner.

This debate was the first of two scheduled eocounters between Clinton and Dole. The next is scheduled for October 16 in San Diego, with a vice presidential debate between incumbent Al Gore and Republican Jack Kemp tomorrow.

Reform Party candidate Ross Perot was excluded from participating in any debates because of his low standing in the polls.

Clinton quickly set the tone of the 90-minute debate, in his opening statement. "Four years ago yon took me on faith, oow there's a record... We are better off than we were four years ago. Let's keep it going," he declared.

Dole, who looked nervous at first, quickly shot back. "Well, he's better off than he was four years ago," getting a laugh from the aodience in Hartford's Bushnell Theatre,

Dole continued, "I may be better off four years from oow... Well, I guess some may be better off. (Iraqi leader) Saddam Hussein is probably better off."

The Repoblican candidate later returned to that theme, arguing that Clinton's recent bombing in



President Bill Clinton and GOP candidate Bob Dole shake hands after their first debate in Hartford, Conn., on Sunday night.

leader from establishing control over the north of his country, while demonstrating his failure to keep an international coalition together. He also attacked Clintoo's record oo Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Korea, Cuba,

Ireland and the Middle East. Moderator Jim Lehrer of public televisioo kept the candidates moving quickly through a broad array of subjects, from foreign policy to health, education, drugs, taxes and personal integrity.

There were no major gaffes on either side," said David Birdsell, an expert on presidential debates with Baruch College in New York. Dole never managed to get under Clintoo's skin. Dole seemed friendlier but not particularly presidential. It was a draw and a draw helps Clinton."

Speaking to a rally after the debate, Clinton said Dole "did a very good joh" but was clearly pleased with his performance, givDole told his rally. "The record

will show that we turned it around in Hartford, Connecticut, tonight." One of the sharpest exchanges during the debate came wheo Clinton accused Dole of opposing his efforts to rem in tobacco companies. "It wasn't me who

opposed what we tried to do to save the lives of children who were subject to tobacco and then went to the tobacco growers and bragged about standing up to the government when we tried to stop the advertising, marketing and sales of tobacco to children," he

Dole responded by touting his own anti-smoking record dating back to 1965. "It wasn't until election year, Mr. President, that you thought about stopping smoking. What about drugs that doubled in the last 44 months? Cocaine up 41 percent, marijuans, cocaine up 166 percent. It seems to me that Dole said.

Both sides sent out an array of experts to brag to the media about their candidate's performance. Republican Gov. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania said Dole had spoken about people while Clinton focused on government programs.

"Americans finally got to see the warmth, humor and compassion of Boh Dole," he said.

For the Democrats, White House adviser George Stephanopoulos said: "A win for the president. This debate tonight was a chance for the president to talk about his priorities, and that's exactly what be did."

Clearly anxious not to seem harsh. Dole refused several invitations from Lehrer to launch personal attacks on Clinton. But be did bring up the issue of Whitewater by asking whether Clinton would pardon his former colleagues who were convicted in relation to the financial and real

would give no special favors.

With Clinton taking credit for a long litany of achievements, Dole said the president reminded him of his late brother Kenny, who was an inveterate exaggerater. 'The president can't take credit for everything the governors are doing," Dole said. "He just likes to make it sound a little hetter and then you'll feel better."

Another heated exchange came on Clintoo's repeated statement that he wanted to build a bridge to the future.

"I want a bridge to the future but I also want a bridge to the truth... The truth is, there's a lot wrong in America," Dole said.

Wheo Dole touted his 15 percent income tax cut, Clinton hit back. "His running mate, Jack Kemp, once said Sen. Dole never met a tax he didn't-bike."

The debate ended with both men saying that despite their differences, they liked each other

Candidates trade quips and catch phrases

HARTFORD, (Reuter) - Republican presidential challenger Bob Dole trotted out some nld winning lines from that master of one-liners, former Republican President Ronald Reagan, in his dehate with President Bill Clinton.

And Clinton, too, gave the mil-lions of television viewers and thuse in the Bushnell Theatre audience a taste nf some folksy lines that have worked on the campaign trail.

Back in 1980 in his debate with then President Jimmy Carter, whom he later defeated, Reagan asked the public, "Are you better off than you were four years ago?

That line worked for Reagan and is cited as one of the key moments in the history of presidential debates. And Republican Dole pulled

that one out of his hat on Sunday after Clinton tonk off on the Reagan words by saying nf the economy, "We are better off than we were four years ago. Let's keep

Dole shortly struck back with the Reagan line with an added

couple of twists:
"Well, he's better off than he was four years ago... We ask the people who are viewing tonight, are you better off than you were four years ago?"

Also in his 1980 debate, Reagan outpped with a smile, "There you go again," wheo he disagreed with

what Carter bad said. Sunday Dole also used that line to a litany from Clinton of his accomplishments and promises

for his second term if re-elected. "Well, there he's goes again," Dole said. "I mean, it's a line that's been used before. But, exaggerating all the things that he did.

He didn't do all these things." In the 1984 campaign again Democrat Walter Mondale,

Connecticut Reagan was fighting concerns that in presidential he was too nld for the joh. In his debate with the much younger Mondale, he said that he would not use age as an issue: "1'm nnt going to exploit for political purposes my opponent's youth and

On Sunday the 73-year-old Dole used a similar line in comparing his health tn the 50-year-old president in an effort to deflate con-cerns about Dole's age and health.

'Well, my blnod pressure's lower and my weight, my eholes-terol," he said. "But, I will not make health an issue in this campaign."

Clinton pulled out some homey stoppers too, having a quick response when Dole accused him nf being a liberal.

Clinton called the liberal label, "It's sort of their golden oldie, you know. It's a record they think they can play that everybody loves to hear. And I just don't think that dog will hunt this time."

On Dole's 15 perceot income tax rate cut, the Republican said of moderator Jim Lehrer "and you'll he eligible."

Then Clinton interjected: "Me.

Dole, who was known for his quiek retorts when he was a Senate leader, responded:

So will the former president, Clinton came back with "That's good" to laughter, adding: "I need

On his now famous fall from a platform in Chico, Calif., Dole got a dig into trial lawyers whn support Clinton with campaign

money and a quip:
"When I fell nff that podium in Chico, before I hit the ground 1 had a call oo my cell phone from a trial lawyer... saying I think we got ease here," he said to laughter from the audience.

Polls: Clinton won

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - President Bill Clinton won Sunday night's presidential debate with Republican Bob Dole, according to three polls conducted immediately after the 90-minute encounter in Hartford, Connecticut.

A Gallup poll conducted for CNN found that 51 percent of Americans believed Clinton won the debate, compared to 32 percent who were more impressed with Dole's performance.

But 74 percent of the people polled said Dole did better than they expected. A CBS News snap poll gave Clinton 50 percent to Dole's 28 percent, with 17 percent calling the debate a tie.

Results in an ABC News poll were similar, with 50 percent calling the debate a triumph for Clinton, compared to 29 percent for Dole. Nineteen percent said it was a tie.

The ABC poll showed that both candidates appeared to benefit modestly from their showing in the debate, with Clinton's support rising to 55 percent from 51 percent and Dole's backing inching to 41 percent from 40 percent. Support for Reform Party candidate Ross Perot, who was excluded

China frees member of Gang of Four

"Gang of Four" that dragged China through one of its ugliest periods of political turmoil, has been released after serving a 20-year prison sentence, the govern-

ment said yesterday.

A spokesman for China's Cabinet, the State Council, said Yao, 65, was freed Saturday and that he was healthy. But the spokesman refused to provide details, a

possible sign that the government still regards Yao as a sensitive figure 20 years after his arrest. The spokesman also refused to give his name. The Gang of Four, led by Chairman Mao Tse-ning's

wife Jiang Qing, incited some of the worst violence of the 1966-1976 "Cultural Revolution," when millions of Chinese were persecuted and killed. Yao, a former journalist, was the gang's propagan-

dist. He used China's media to attack the gang's enemies, including Deng Xiaoping, now China's para-Yao and the rest of the gang were arrested October

6, 1976, less than a month after Mao's death.
It was Mao who dreamed up the "Cultural

BELIING (AP) - Yao Wenyuan, a member of the Revolution" to counter his political rivals, calling on young Chinese to "bombard the headquarters" and attack government officials. The Gang of Four egged the militants on and used the movement to further

their own political careers. After a sensational show trial, Yao was convicted in 1981 of plotting to seize power and of persecuting officials and ordinary people. His 20-year sentence was retroactive to the date of his arrest.

Yao also lost his political rights for five years after his release. This gives authorities leverage to restrict his movement and contacts, including those with foreign reporters.
Yao is one of two surviving members of the Gang

of Four, said the State Council spokesman. Zhang Chunqiao, rumored in some reports to have died, is still alive and serving his life sentence.

Zhang and Jiang Qing were both given death sen-

tences that were commuted to life imprisonment. Jiang committed suicide in 1991.

Wang Hongwen, the youngest of the gang, was sentenced to life imprisonment and died of a liver ail-

Afghan forces square off amid world concern

KABUL (Reuter) - Taleban and rival military forces faced each other in a tense standoff in mnuntains oorth of Kabul yesterday amid growing coocem among Afghanistan's oeighhors that hostilities could spread in the

The hardine Islamic militia, which captured Kabul a week ago, pushed northward toward the strategic Panjsber Valley where an offensive against former military chief Ahmad Shah Masood appeared to stall.

Taleban forces exchanged sporadic artillery and mortar fire with Masood forces at his valley stronghold near Golbahar, but military analysts questioned whether the attackers could wrest the valley from Masood, who defended it successfully against Russian troops for years.

In an effort to neutralize a possible ally of Masood, the Taleban acting foreign minister appealed to Geoeral Abdul Rashid Dostum, who is leading his own army of Uzbek fighters, to remain ocutral in the offensive against Masood.

As the threat of increased hostilities continued, Afghanistan's neighbors stepped up expressions of concerns.

Iran, which is Shi'ite Moslem and has been hostile to the Sunni fundamentalist Taleban, said the prospects of peace in Afghanistan were poor if a single faction tried to govern alone.

"Nn ethnie group can run that country without an active contributioo from the other ethnic groups," Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said on Iranian television, which was monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation. "And no religious group can run the country without a contribution from the others."

Earlier, Alexander Lebed, Russia's national security chief and a veteran of Moscow's 10year war in Afghanistan, called the situation very tense. Lebed, who spoke to reporters

nn Sunday on a visit to NATO headquarters, said, "These military actions may have negative repercussions." NATO officials have

expressed concern that instability in Afghanistan could have consequences for member-nation

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two in three Britons reject the idea nf joining a single European eurrency in 1999, according to an opinion poll published in the Daily Telegraph yesterday.
The Gallup Poll survey for

the newspaper found that 56 perceot of respondents were against Britain joining a single currency if it were launched in the European Union in 1999 with only 25 percent in favor. The remaining 19 percent didn't have an npinion.

Majorities in all three of Britaio's main parties were opposed to joining a single currency - which would mean giving up sterling - in 1991, with supporters of the ruling Conservatives the most bostile.

The Conservatives, lagging in npinion polls as they face a geomnnths, are deeply split over Britain's future role in the 15oation European Union.

The Daily Telegraph said opinions were more mixed on how the government should handle the issue in the short

Some 37 percent felt Britain should say now it will never join the single currency and 14 percent said Britain should say oow that it will. Another 37 percent backed Prime Minister Jnhn Major's policy of deferring a decision, while 12 percent said they didn't knnw.

Gallup interviewed 1,047 adults across Britain for the

Major negotiated the right to npt nut of a single currency when the project was agreed in

North Korea: US missionary was spying for Seoul

ment in 1992.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - US Beijing in September that Hunzike officials are working toward winning the release of an American arrested in North Korea on spying charges, his cousin told the South Korean news agency Yonhap yesterday.

Evan Carl Hunzike, 26, was arrested August 24 for spying for South Korea. Seoul has called the claim ridiculous. The United States has hegun negotiations for the return of my cousin through the Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang," the

North Korea's official oews

agency announced Sunday that

cousin told Yonhap. The cousin - identified only by his family name of Yun - said he was told by the US Embassy in had been arrested by North Korean officials on a small island in the middle of the Yalu River. The river serves as the border between China and North Korea.

"My cousin... is not capable of acting as a spy," Yun said.
Hunzike left for China in mid-August, saying he wanted to do missionary work, Yun added. Hunzike, whose mother is South Korean, is a native of Alaska, and attended college in Yakima,

Washington, he said. Meanwhile, KBS Television, citing an anonymnus government official, said that Hunzike had been drunk when he went swimming in the Yalu River. White House spokesman Mike killed in the gunfights.

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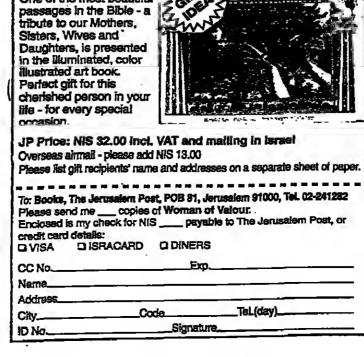
McCorry said the United States is seeking more information through the Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang. Washington and Pyongyang do oot have diplomat-

Pyongyang still considers the United States an enemy for having led UN farces against the North during the 1950-53 Korean

The spy charges came after North Korea was accused of sending spies to South Korea aboard a submarine. The September 18 intrusion has triggered a massive manhunt for the agents. Twentytwo North Koreans have been killed or found dead. Four South Korean soldiers also have been

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Rethinking immunity

TERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert deserves credit for asking the Knesset to lift his parliamentary immunity yesterday, so he can stand trial for his alleged involvement in a 1988 Likud fund-raising scam. The Knesset's public image is hardly improved by MKs using their immunity - in the words of State Attorney Edna Arbel - as a "city of refuge" to protect them from prosecution.

The decision is especially praiseworthy because MKs from both sides of the house have raised questions about the propriety of Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's decision to indict Olmert for an eight-year-old crime, after his predecessor decided five years ago not to do so, and Olmert is in fact challenging this decision in the High Court of Justice. Under these circumstances, Olmert must have been tempted to try to persuade his fellow MKs not to lift his immunity. That he instead decided to take his chances with the courts like any other citizeo is commendable.

However, one need not look very far to see that such behavior on the part of MKs cannot be counted oo. Knesset House Committee chairman Raphael Pinhasi (Shas), having successfully fought tooth and nail to prevent his immunity from being lifted to stand trial on fraud charges in 1993, is once again making strennous efforts to avoid indictment, after Ben-Yair decided to try again with the new Knesset.

The time has come for the Knesset to put an eod to such behavior once and for all by amending the immunity law. It is a law which has long since outlived its originally sensible purpose, and it contributes greatly to the public's contempt for the legislature, Indeed, it is hard to see how any law-abiding citizen can respect a parliament which acts as a club to protect politically powerful suspects.

The immunity law consists of two parts. The first part grants an MK "substantive" immunity from prosecution for acts which are an integral part of his job. Substantive immunity is common practice in all parliamentary democracies, and for good reason: An MK could not do his joh effectively if he had to worry, for instance, that he might be indicted for what he said on the Knesset podium.

However, Israeli law also grants MKs "procedural" immunity, which prevents him from being prosecuted even for crimes that have nothing to do with his job as an MK, unless the Knesset itself agrees to lift his immunity and tion of the law via a very narrow interpretation. allow him to stand trial. This type of immunity is found in virtually no other country in the world.

The purpose of this law, passed in 1951, was to protect opposition MKs from being harassed by the party in power via frivolous indictments. It was a product of the deep suspicion Israelis had developed for both the prosecution and the courts under the British Mandate, and was eminently understandable in the context of its time.

After 45 years, however, it is clear that these suspicions were unfounded. Both the State Attorney's Office and the judiciary are completely independent of the party in power, and there has never been a case in which the attornev-general was found to have indicted an MK

for improper motives. However, there clearly are cases in which the Knesset prevented an indictment due to political considerations. As former justice minister Haim Zadok pointed out yesterday, the Pinhasi case is a perfect example. The Knesset decided to lift Pinhasi's immunity in March 1993, but the High Court ordered a revote four months later. During the revote, the Knesset decided not to lift his immunity. Nothing substantive had changed in the intervening four months; the only thing that had changed was the government's coalition considerations.

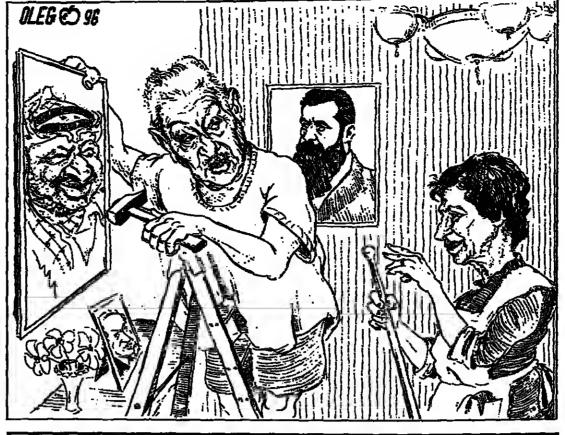
As Zadok said, to expect the Knesset not to be influenced by political considerations is to expect the impossible. MKs are, after all, politicians, and they are not superhuman. Yet to allow someone to escape standing trial for fraud just because he is an MK flies in the face of every principle of justice.

The only solution is to take this power, with its vast potential for abuse, out of the Knesset's hands. The attorney-general should be able to indict any MK who commits a crime unrelated to his actual Knesset work without needing the Knesset's permission, just as he can with any other citizen. If an MK truly believes he is being persecuted for political reasons, he still has access to the same recourse Olmert is now using: a petition to the High Court of Justice.

There is also room to reduce MKs' substantive immunity, which is currently one of the widest in the world. In many countries, substantive immunity covers only what happens inside the walls of the parliament, and in almost no other country does it cover not only acts which are part of an MK's job, but also acts committed for the sake of his job.

Allowing substantive immunity to extend outside the Knesset walls is reasonable. Making speeches at a political rally, for instance, is as much a part of an MK's job as speaking in the Knesset. However, there is no reason for substantive immunity to cover criminal acts that are not directly part of the MK's job, merely because they in some way facilitate it. The High Court of Justice has largely invalidated this sec-It is time for the Knesset to finish the job.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, in one of his first acts as Speaker, has set op a public committee to examine the whole question of parliamentary immunity. Tichon deserves high marks for moving quickly to tackle this long-overdue issue. It is to be hoped that his committee will recommend the oecessary major revisions, and that the Knesset will speedily enact them.



Myths of the Mideast

RESIDENT Clinton has ehosen his current top Mideastern priority and earnestly, almost desperately, announced it to the world.

It is not the resurgence of Saddam Hussein, not the military growth of Iran, or terrorism, not the Islamicist government in Turkey destroying the country's alliances with the West, not even China's sale of missiles and ouclear technology to assorted dictatorships. It is a town called Hebron.

By focusing on this ancient West Bank town, Clinton nourishes two of the large collection of dangerous Mideast fantasies and mythologies.

The Hebroo fantasy is that specifics of Israeli and Palestinian security patrolling there must be reached almost immediately or the whole Israeli-Palestinian peace forfeited. This is related to a larger myth; Peace in the entire Mideast rests principally on peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

About Hebron, panic-talk and panic-action will not determine whether peace comes between Israelis and Arabs. Under the Oslo agreement signed by the previous Labor government, Hebron was to have been turned over to Palestinian rule March 22. All other major West Bank towns and Gaza already had been.

Labor itself postponed the turnover for four months. Yasser Arafat companionably went along. They thought it would help Shimon Peres defeat Binyamin Netanyahu.

But Prime Minister Netanyahu says that be will not abide hy Oslo. The issue in Hebron now is how to protect the 450 Jews there among 180,000 Arabs. Under Oslo, even West Bank Jews are entitled to protection.

THE intensive and continuous negotiations with the Palestinians that began

Sunday night at Erez were the only

outcome of the Washington "peace

summit." As a result of Prime

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's

firmness. Israel did not commit

itself in advance to any particular

outcome by any particular date.

Government spokesmen therefore

portrayed this meeting as a major

success, and those Israelis who

believe that being seen to give

nothing away is an end in itself are

justifiedly pleased.

A.M. ROSENTHAL

The Jews of Hebron know the patriarchs walked its alleys. For them it is Judaism's very birthplace. Even though most Hebron Jews were massacred by Arabs in 1929 - or perhaps because of that pogrom - the 450 are peculiar enough to maintain their right to live there now.

Likud is peculiar enough to insist on its duty to protect those Jews against another 1929. It wants sufficient Israeli-Palestinian patrols - and in the right places to do the job.

Hebron itself is not the key to peace

Clinton supported the Arafat demand to set a date at once to redeploy Israeli troops in Hebron. Netanyahu declined, understanding that any chance of agreeing on life-and-death details would vanish once the date was set.

BUT HEBRON itself is not the key to peace. Cessation of killing there or anyplace in Israel, Gaza or the West Bank, that is the key. Israelis who voted for Labor thought Oslo would end terrorist killing. It seemed a small price for the machinery of self-government, including arms and territory, that Labor gave Palestinians.

Terrorism did not end. And last month Israelis saw Palestinian police shoot automatic weapons

at Israeli soldiers. Palestinian agreement for the security of Hebron Jews could bring peace closer. Palestinian refusal would delay it. Another

massacre, anytime, would kill it.

Firmness without purpose

Effective security patrolling therefore is essential to Israeli-Palestinian peace. Clinton should have emphasized that, instead of breathing so hard about the exact timing.

Peace between Israelis and Palestinians could be magnificent for both. But the Mideast myth most believed, outside the Mideast, is that peace in the whole region depends on, and can only be achieved by, an agreement between Palestinians and

War in the Mideast has come about most often not because Jews took power in one tiny state hut because Moslem fought Moslem in much larger ooes. During Israel's five decades alone, Iranian and Iraqi did not slaughter each other, or Iraq invade Kuwait, or Syria colonize Lebanon, because of Israel.

The wars that caused most deaths and still do have been Mideast governments against their own people.

Syrian artillery flattening Hama. Four Moslem regimes murdering Moslem Kurds. Police-state killings throughout the Mideast - now including the Palestinian Authority. Moslem regimes fighting for their lives against Moslem fundamentalists.

The myth of Israeli centrality to regional peace is important to Arab governments. It puts a constant pressure on one small democratic state to cede its interests to those of oeighboring dictator-

President Clinton and European leaders could do peace a great ser-vice by speaking these truths. But of course the very thought is one more Mideast fantasy.

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Contract for women

SHARON SHENHAV

ORE than a year ago, I participated in the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, as a member of the official delegation of the State of Israel This was the largest conference ever held by the UN, and I joined delegates from 189 countries in drafting the document which was adopted by the member states, the Platform For Action. We worked way into the night to reach consensus on issues of critical concern to women all over the world and in the process, made many good friends for Israel.

Guided by our determination to eliminate all forms of discriminations against women we included in the Platform For Action specific actions to be taken by governments to empower women and ensure equality and full implementation of human rights for every girl and women.
On the first anniversary of the

adoption of the Platform For Action, Israeli women are asking what has the government done for us? Was the document adopted by our government a piece of paper to be placed in a library or does the government intend to considcr it a binding contract with the women of Israel. What actions have been taken to implement the promises and commitments made

m Beijing? Na'amat, deciding to take the initiative on this anniversary, has drafted a Cootract With The Women Of Israel. The goal of the contract is to commit the government to specific action and budgetary commitments on behalf of women. Na'amat has suggested that all women and men as well as women's organizations in Israel and other organizations working towards equality and women's rights sign it. The contract is being presented to the prime minister and his cabinet with the request that every minister sign the Contract With The Women Of Israel, thereby agreeing to be committed to:

1. Ensure equality within the family and recognition of all

Inequality between women and men continues to persist

forms of the family. 2. Provision of an economic

security net for women. Equal rights of women in the workplace.

4. High quality health services for womeo and the rights of women to control all aspects of their health, including fertility. 5. Elimination of violeoce

against women. 6. Elimination of gender hias in

education.

7. Enjoyment of equal rights by Arab women. 8. Empowerment of women and equality in the sharing of power

and decision making at all levels. 9. Equal status and opportunity for women in the army.
10. Recognition of the contributions of womeo to the peace process and commitment to

include women in policy decisions on peace and war at all lev-THE TIME has come to translate words into actions. Twenty years ago then-premier Yitzhak Rabin

appointed a Commission on the Status of Women to study and make recommendations to ensure equality for womeo in Israel. Most of the commission's recommeodatioos have never been implemented and despite significant advances in many areas, inequality between women and men continues to persist. In a study commissioned by

Na amat in August 1996 it was found that the average salary of women in Israel is only 60% of the average salary of men. Fourteen percent of women earn less than the minimum wage compared to three percent of men. Only 20% of those applying for small business loans are women.

The women of Israel are now asking for commitment on the part of the government. Most of the commitments will involve setting aside budget for women's issues, and in over 90 countries such budgetary commitments have already been made. The contract should be signed now by every government minister. Na'amat has proposed that a public commission be set up 10 monitor the government's implementation of the terms of the contract and Shulamit Aloni has already agreed to chair it.

As we approach the end of the of the Zionist movement, the egalitarian state should become more of a reality. The Contract With The Women Of Israel could be a useful tool in achieving this.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RED LINES

native to violence.

than the exception

public security (such as certain as-

pects of the closure) on one side of the line, and public relations moves

(such as regular and cordial meet-

more practicable and useful under-

standing of what red lines are and

how they are useful, recent violent

events may become the rule rather

post-World War II armed conflict.

is dangerous to apply the lessons of

history where they don't fit, but it is

equally foolish to ignore them where

they do. Applying the Vietnam-Afghanistan-Chechnya model to Syri-

an activity regarding southern Leba-

non might promote clearer thought

DAVID H. ROSENBLOOM

than ignoring it altogether.

Washington, D.C.

Heller is correct in arguing that it

SHAWN ZELIG ASTER

But until Netanyahu develops a

ngs with Arafat) on the other.

Sir, - It was only a few days earlier that Binyamin Netanyahu commented on his first 100 days in power: "I do not act in accordance with pressures, but rather in order to reach particular goals." Were receot events the goals Netanyahu had in

Perhaps oot, hut the lead-up to them can be traced directly to a failure in the way Netanyahu has sought to implement his goals. Sbortly after his election, in discussing how his peace-making would differ from his predecessor's, he noted: "We will establish red lines and stick to them."

Red lines, long a feature of Israeli security policy, work to define what Israel considers security threats. But as Micha Bar notes, red lines have often been effective in defining the permitted range of action within which the Arab-Israeli conflict can operate, without provoking massive Israeli retaliation. Between 1949 and 1956. Israel used this policy to confine the conflict to small-scale cross-border raids, and to prevent, at least for a time, threats to Israel's basic security, such as the closing of the southern waterways.

So too in negotiation. Red lines are only useful io defining what is outside the perimeter of the negotia-tion if they simultaneously define wbat is inside the perimeter. Netanyahu can stick to red lines, but only if he gives the negotiation an opportunity to operate within those lines:

Alon Shvut (Montreal). VIETNAM-TYPE WAR on the other, are archetypal of much

Sir, Io "Risk of a war no one wants" (September 20), Mark Heller departs from his usual cogency by elaiming that since World War II, three terms have dominated thinking about war: Mein Kampf, Munich and Pearl Harbor. There is a fourth and more pertinent one: Vietnam. Wars of ethnic, religious and oadonal liberation or secession, characterized by remarkable imbalances in air power and conventional weapoury in which the seemingly weaker side inflicts unacceptably high casualties

THE TRUCK DRIVERS' this means making concessions on CASE

issues that are not outside the pale. Sir. - I refer to Ariel Hurwich In the past 100 days, Netanyahu Brauo's letter of September 13, "No seems to have defined every issue as penalty." If she wants to know the s red line: the evacuation from Hebron, meeting Arafat, substantial changes to the closure, PLO Jerusaname of the company whose truck was involved in the accident he meotions, she can ring me and I will lem offices. The result has been a give him the name, phone number stifling of the negotiation, a feeling and came of the managing director. by the Palestinians that they them-As to suing the driver of the truck, selves were being stifled, and the he is really not to hlame for the recent explosion. accident. Directly, he is to blame, Netanyahu can and must draw red but indirectly, it is the framework in lines, if negotiations are ever to prowhich truck drivers work that causes duce an improvement in Israel's se-

these terrible accidents. curity position. But if there is any-Truck drivers are forced to work thing to be learned from recent up to 18-20 hours a day. They are paid a low basic wage with the rest events, it is that you can't have it all. Not everything can be a red line, if being bonuses for the amount of negotiations are to be a viable alterwork done. For instance, I know of a company in Haifa that carries dan-Public opinion would seem to gerous chemicals and pays its drivmitigate for drawing geographic red lines around Jerusalem, and being ers NIS 1,500 a month basic pay, which is below the legal minimum more flexible on places such as Hepay. The rest is made up of bonuses bron, and certainly Nablus. Netanand to make s decent wage of yahu might want to refine this conaround NIS 4,000 a month, drivers ception to put issues that effect

are forced to work illegal hours. A year and a half ago, I spoke oo the radio and TV's A New Evening about the problem and I was fired from my job. Since then, I have formed a truck drivers' union with the help of other drivers and I sit with the Knesset committees and various government departments which deal with transport. Almost nothing has been done, neither by the previous government our by this one. Neither the ministers of Police, Transport or Labor have shown still not spelled out what the altermuch interest in the problem, serious as it is. The drivers are blamed for everything while the owners get off scot free. They send the drivers to work for long hours on low pay. often with equipment below safety standards. The company owners IN THE absence of any overarchwield a lot of power and money and the drivers are powerless to do reduced to lurching from one

ISRAEL BARAK, Secretary. Northern Area, Truck Drivers Union of Israel MARK HELLER

Washingtoo, Netanyahu oceded to preempt anticipated criticism of his refusal to meet with Arafat, so he did then what he could have done before, but wouldn't. But since he was unwilling to admit a lack of firmness. Netanyahu suggested that the meeting was a reward for Arafat's closure of some Palestinian Authority offices in Jerusalem - a specious claim immediately contested by some of his own Cabinet ministers.

Still, there is a nagging suspicion, despite official protestations to the contrary, that even the agreement to negotiate intensively and continuously is the result of pres-sure generated by the recent paroxysm of violence. After all, the govemment has only now agreed to do what it could have done before, but wouldn't. This might appear to be merely a minor public-relations annoyance, but it is symptomatic

objective that Netanyahu'a firmness is intended to serve. "Secure peace" is not a policy, it is a slogan. If there is any substance behind the slogan, it was not revealed in the 100 days of pre-election campaigning, and it has not been revealed in the 100 days of the post-election campaign. Netanyaho has repeated again and again that this is a different government with a different policy, pursuing different goals with different means. But he has native is. At first, this failure was charitably interpreted as "pragmatism." But the pattern emerging from events of the past few weeks is instead one of aimlesspess.

of a far larger political problem -

the failure to conceptualize the

ing strategy, the government is encounter with reality to the next, all the while claiming that its improvisations are not the result of pressure. At times, this bravado comes perilously close to farce. Before his previous visit to

In any case, the first Netanyahu-Arafat meeting, like the Washington summit, was not the

The government's bravado comes perilously close to farce

result of an Israeli initiative intended to serve some longerrange purpose. It was a reluctant concession to reality, which the government had been the last to recognize. And like the first meeting, the decision at the Washington summit to negotiate the decision at the intensively and continuously was taken under pressure and was made necessary by the govern-ment's previous refusal to act when it felt it was not under pressure. Only this time, the pressure came, not from a desire to avoid embarrassing questions by the Washington press corps, but from the deaths of over 70 Israelia and Palestinians and the wounding of hundreds of others. Although the security authorities had been warning about an outbreak of Palestinian violence almost since the day the new government took office, their warnings were not taken seriously until after they were borne out hy events.

Thus, the outcome of the summit, including the Erez talks, reflects firmness only in a superficial sense.

Underneath the facade is a pattern of weakness: the government's initial inclination to follow its instincts and pander to its right-wing constituency generates Palestinian, Arab and international responses which ultimately oblige it to act in ways that arouse the suspicions of its supporters while gaining it little credit with anyone else.

What applies to the Arafat meeting and the decision of the Washington summit will also apply to Hebron. The redeployment from Hebron will take place. Only now it will happen after the outbreak of widespread violence and the active intervention of Presideot Cliotoo, rather than before. In these circumstances. does anyone really believe that the redeployment will be understood as anything other than an Israeli concession to those events?

The problem with this pattern does not lie in the refusal to set deadlines or even in the failure to meet them the prime minister is right when he argues that advance deadlines for agreement usually turn out to be pointless or counterproductive. It lies, instead, in the conceptual underpinning of government behavior, which is that the Israeli-Palestinian relationship remains purely adversarial and that any gain by one side represents an equal and opposite loss for the other.

It is not true that the government's notion of the peace process has failed to evolve. The sheer negativism of the past has been replaced by acceptance of the need to do objectionable things, though only after delays produce pressure that makes action unavoidable. But this transformation does not yet incorporate the possibility of common purposes and common benefits, and unless "firmness" becomes an instrument of policy, rather than just a substitute for it, the receot cycle of events is likely to repeat itself in the weeks and months

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Nirvana falls from grace

From the Mnddy Banks of the Wishkah NIRVANA (Hed Artzi)

TIRVANA was imquestionably the most important band of the early 1990s. Speaking to and for a generatioo more effectively than anyone since The Who's adolesceoce, the band was just beginning to hit stride wheo its career was abruptly cut short hy Kurt Cobain's suicide in 1994.

With a recorded output that consisted of one independent release. two major label studio efforts and a live unplugged, Nirvana's growth and maturity was astounding and indicated a future that would have cemented its status alongside rock's all-time greats. That's what makes this erratic epitaph all the more disappointing.

Compiled by surviving members Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic from hundreds of live performances throughout their five years of live performances, From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah reconfirms the power of Nirvana. but also exposes the band's limita-

The versions of their more structured material, like "Smells Like Teen Spirit," "Lithium," and "Heart-Shaped Box" are astounding in their tense balancing act between pop tightoess and alienated rage.

On too many of the songs, how- THIS is another third alhum, this

Rolling Stones

vs. Oasis

HE Rolling Stones battled with young pretenders Oasis last week for top pop

honors at the world's higgest book fair.

This time the two are bursting into print, not

song, as the rights to new biographies are offered

at the Frankfurt Book Fair, which attracted 9,000

publishers from 105 countries. Some 80 percent

of global book-right deals are struck at Frankfurt

The Rolling Stones, the self-styled "greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world," is telling the

story of its three decades on the road. Oasis hit

the headlines last month when their US tour col-

lapsed amid reports that singer Liam Gallagher

and his guitarist brother Noel had come to hlows.

Now, their brother Paul tells all. Virgin-

Publishing, the book arm of British entrepreneur

position of drumming up international husiness

bands," the publishers' managing director Rob

The differences across the generation gap are

stark. The Rolling Stones, whose illustrated offi-

cial history is being compiled by singer Jools

Holland, revel in touring live. Singer Mick Jagger, still swiveling hips and pouting lips at 53, has said of their 30 years of live shows: "I

like it on the road. If I couldn't go out there, I

He spent last week at his south of France home

taping his memories of the group for Holland.

This is as close as you can get to buge rock

for both books.

Shreeve says.

think I would go mad."

ever, the rage takes over and leaves the taut line sounding very slack. "School," "Scentless Apprentice" and "Tourette's" have basically nothing to offer, with their anonymous riffs and Cobain's screaming vocals.

Overall, the album bas the effect of hringing the band back down to earth after years of having been praised to the heavens. It shows that despite being a great band, its material sometimes failed to live up to the standards set by its best

> First Band on the Moon THE CARDIGANS (Helicon)

THIS young Swedish quintet makes smart, catchy pop.

Fronted hy 22-year-old Nina Persson, The Cardigans deal mostly with the sexy side of life, and they do it with a sense of humor. Call them Ahha with an edge.

Their third release is a playful romp through infectious melodies and Persson's wry, coquettish sentiments. Combining elements of 60s pop with some jazz tinges and a hip "indie" stance. The Cardigans could be the first oonnative English speakers to hit it big since Bjork's first band The

Travelling without Moving JAMIROQUAI (NMC)



time hy Brit-funk faves Jamiroquai. If it's an uptown blend of soul, funk and disco you're looking for, this is the right

Israelis must be banging down the door, because Travelling without Moving has been firmly entrenched near the top of the local charts since its release.

The vocals are, typically of this genre, innocuous, but the point is not to move your mind, hut your

And on that task, Jamiroquai succeeds 100%. Smooth and cool, this record goes down like lemonade on a hot summer day.

Indigo (One) Tribal Chants and Rhythms -(NMC)

THIS is one strange concept, and all for a good cause. An alhum in honor of The International Decade of Indigenous People, with proceeds going to help the people maintain their cultures, Indigo captures 14 tribes, including such chart toppers as Aborigines, pyg-mies and Tibetans, chanting in their native tongues.

To make it more palatable for Western audiences, the compilers then add backing tracks to the chants, ranging from disco to regPaul Simon for co-opting African music and musicians

> Psy-Kick HOUSE OF DREAM (NMC)

THE brainchild of Israelis Har-El Prussky and Moran Shnitzer, Psy-Kick personifies trance, dance or whatever you want to call it. Full of electronic hlips and beats, the Il tracks are noteworthy for perhaps the first trance-Hassidic song in history.

If this is what the duo conjures up in reality, one wonders what

their dreams are like.

exploitation

Maman Revient, Panvre Orphelin or A qui pertigagne, ("Mama's Back, Poor Orphan, or The Loser Wins") by Jean Claude Grimberg, Hebrew adaptation and direction, Niko Nittal, At Hasimta Theater, Old Jaffa, Hebrew title; Hamafrid Menatzeah

morals and manipulations of the mod-ern media. Specifically it focuses on

In a caustic triptych of situations, their cold-blooded callousness, calculation and rampant hypocrisy mas-

kerchief stage - the first scene, to be exact, is set in Hasimta's open-to-thestar-studded-sky rooftop - directioo (Reuter) show. It is accompanied by amusing entertaining of Hasimta's productions.

Ze'ev Shimsheoni plays the anchorman with snave insincerity and synthetic charm. Albert Cohen, that eternal charmer, froths and fulminates as the camera-hungry, pulp novelist insensible to anything but his soaring sales. sales.

First she charms as a chic Parisian wife. Next she metamorphoses into two participants in the World's Most Miserable Woman Contest. As the first of these, she turns into a voracious hate-spitting vampire alternating in the role of her chief competitor, a woebegone, weepy drudge infected with le mal des pleurs.

In a further two images of the mother of the lachrymose "orphaned author," she delights again.

With its diverting script and successblow-by-blow account of the years of feuding, is cootrives a lively and entertaining ful casting, this is one of the more

The 45-voice choir found spiri-

gae. Surreal is too ordinary a word for this. And people got angry at Exposing media

DEPARTURE from Grim-

berg's generally grim dramas, The Loser Wins is a bilarious, highly satirical commentary on the the merchandising of human suffering in the ruthless, sensation-driven promononai campaigns of novelists, television anchormen, and others. Their merciless marketing of tear-jerking. loaded human experience is the target of Grimberg's highly-charged histrionic vendetta.

querading as honest, "live" programs, is exposed with crunching derision.

Working on Hasimta's pocket-hand-

video footage and peopled hy a galaxy of ironic stereotypes performed hy three accomplished actors.

But it is Fira Cantor, a versatile comedientie, who althost steals the 'art is recruited for political purpos- 'regional companies, runs on a sinshow with her virtuosity in five, very disparate caricature roles.

Ailey lives on, Bocca pales

DANCE REVIEW ORA BRAFMAN

Alvin Ailey's American Dance Theater
The Winter In Lisbon - choreography. 2illy
Wilson; music, Dizzy Gillespie. Shelter - choreography, Jawole Willa Jo Zollar; music, Junior
"Gabu" Wedderburn. Revelations - choreography, Alvin Alley; music, traditional.

OR years all company per-formances of Alvin Ailey's American Dance Theater's have ended with Revelations. Ailey's signature piece, and for good reason.

The rest of the repertoire can be less than satisfying, as often is the case, but it hardly matters. This 36year-old piece epitomizes Ailey's work - all his talent is brought together in this heart-rending dance, where spirituals and gospel music interlaced with visual images of the African roots of American culture combine with the sweetly-softly swaying bodies of the dancers to move our soul.

It never fails - it is one of few works that is seemingly very simple, coming as it does from an aching heart and true emotion without being overly scotimeotal.
Ailey's Revelations is about faith and innocence, justice and grace. It is about happiness and friendship and it makes your feet dance while you struggle to keep seated.

This is the company's second visit here since Ailey's death in 1989, with Judith Jamison, his former soloist dancer, as the artistic manager. It seems that since then, the company has become more conservative in its artistic choices and that eventually may lead to stagnation, as Jamison's other choices were of mediocre works.

Billy Wilson's work is Broadway-style where urbane gals in lavender satin and high heels kick their legs high while eyeing the guys as potential partners for sensual encounters. Even Gillespie's hrilliant melodies couldn't save them from drowning in shallowness.

Jo Zollar is a conscientious artist who is very involved in art as a vehicle for social and political manifestations, and her work Shelter slides along those lines as it deals with homeless people. Zollar seeks compassion, wondering if real human beings are doomed to become "endangered species." Zollar is full of good intentions. and thinks she is waving a banner but the fact she is being carried by its slogans, as in most cases when . Ballet Argentino, like several ...

es. All in all it is a lively company with some very good dancers and an important heritage of Ailey's work to keep them going. With a little effort they can fly higher.

Julio Bocca and Ballet Argentino Don Quixote Suite - choreography, after Marius Petipa, music, Leon Minkus. Interlaced Symphony - choreography, Mauro Algonzeni; music, Mozart. Tungo - choreography. Oscar Araiz; music, traditional.

JULIO Bocca, the leading dancer and founder of this young company, had much to prove, as he was introduced to the Israeli audience as a great classical ballet dancer, an actual twin talent of Baryshnikov.

Promises, promises. The good news is that Bocca is a passionate dancer and is particularly impressive with his high jumps and turns in the air, but it hardly goes any further than that. Bocca is constantly flirting with the audience, flicking his head in vain bravura gestures, a mannerism that is most unnecessary for the role, but apparently reflects his artistic

tastes. The evening started with Don Quixote Suite which is a polite way of hinting that it is actually an abridged version of the hallet. Petipa's four-act ballet was shortened, which is not all bad, but on its way it also lost most of its vital signs which leaves it pale, lean and stripped of its essence. So what's the point?

We were left to be comforted by brilliant technique, only to find that Stephania Vallone, who danced the role of Kitri, is not really up to the part and Bocca's self-esteem is higher than his level of finesse.

The Interlaced Symphony derives its mood from Mozart and its philosophical concepts from Shakespeare's sonnets that were recited throughout.

Bigonzetti is hardly a match for those two. He uses a large body of dancers, and moves them around a lot kicking high, turning fast hut hardly relating to text or music in any remote sense. True, the company gets a chance to show off some young talent and physical ability, but that can be done better to an unpretentious beat of a drum.

Being an Argentinian dance company company, its tangos should have been its forte.

The traditional tunes were arranged skillfully hy Atilio Stampone and played hy his orchestra. The company obviously feels in its element with music hut gets carried away by Araiz's strong sense of pathos.

gle artist's credit card (Edward Villella, formerly of Miami Balleti, and has a good chance of forming a meaningful statement only when ego gives way to broader percep-

Make room for chamber music **MICHAEL AJZENSTADT**

HE center of chamber music has moved tothe Tel Aviv Museum.

In the last decade or so its audience has increased significantly. And for the coming season there are 2,600 subscribers to the various series the museum offers, which is 30% up on last year.

The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center opens its chamber-music series next week with The Consort of Music. Gideon Paz, the artistic adviser of the TAPAC series. explains that "bringing any international ensemble to Israel makes it a very expensive venture." Which might explain why tickets for this series are somewhat higher than those for the museum where the average price is NIS 55. Additionally, a new series opening

concerts, a practice very common and most successful in New York, London and Paris.

The Tel Aviv Museum chamber music concert series, which altogether has 52 concerts in eight mini series, opens with a marathon of early music in conjunction with the Jerusalem Early Music Workshop today. The TAPAC Great Performers at the Center series opens this coming Sunday with the Consort of Music.

The Authentica series began a few days ago. Authentica is entirely international and without any Israelis, It is also the only chambermusic series in Israel, or any classical music series for that matter, presented by private impresarios. The series continues next month with legendary baroque violinist Fabio Biondi and his orchestra.



this year is of "rush hour" (6 p.m.)



Invitation

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is holding a competition for the composition of an original Israeli work on the occasion of its 60th anniversary.

> The final stage, in the presence of an international jury, will take place on

Sunday, 13 October 1996, 8.30 p.m. at the Maun Auditorium, Tel Aviv.

Three works will be performed in the final stage, from which the winning work will be chosen.

Conductor: Gary Bertini

Free Admittance

The book will be published in autumn 1997 but already a bestseller in Britain. Abu Ghosh shows the united side of

ORE than any other fes-tival in Israel, the Abu Ghosh choral music festival has a genuinely festive atmosphere to it, complete with eating bumous in one of the local splendid restaurants, and without the customary clowns and magicians who entertain young kids at

many other holiday events. This particular festival proved to be very popular among the general public, featuring some fine

performances. Particularly good were the visiting female choir from Alhania. This is far from a professional choir, yet the studeot choral ensemble sang in a most beautiful way whether the program was Christmas songs or Byzantine music.

And their encore, the opening movement of Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, performed with harpsiaccompaniment, was chord indeed magical. The Kristiansand Cathedral Choir from Norway was at its best when performing traditional folk material but could

not really cope with selections hy

It is a fair ensemble but on the whole not in the same league as previous visiting choirs who have performed at this festival.

A bookish Mick Jagger.

each other and the press.

Virgin is already negotiating rights.

Oasis, whose first two alhums sold 20 million

copies, have led a "Britpop" revival to echo the

Sixties heyday of the Beatles and the Stones. But

oow they are quitting live performances to con-

centrate on producing a third album. They delight in being the wild boys of modern pop with Liam and Noel constantly bad-mouthing

Their hrother Paul's hiography, which gives a

Belgian counterteoor Michel Puissant sang Vivaldi's Stabat Mater in a most compelling manner and two cantatas of Bach in a somewhat stylized yet detached manner. He was accompanied by Accademia Daniel, a group of young Israeli musicians who specialize in Baroque performance

practice. Playing Bacb's Fourth Brandenburg Concerto the instrumental ensemble displayed fine technique yet lacked warmth in the very accommodating acoustics of the Abu Ghosh

Church. Olivier of the Father Benedictine Mooastery in this serene Arah village said that in these very days nothing can be more meaningful and symbolic than thousands of Israelis visiting an Arab village in order to listeo

CONCERT ROUNDUP

to sacred Christian music. In a way this sums up the beauty of this festival more than any other description. Abu Ghosh, October 4. 5

Michael Ajzenstadt

A REMARKABLE music event in Jerusalem last week was a recorder-flute and harpsicbord recital hy Renvena Hod and Evgeni Lissogursky - exceptional because of the superb perfor-

A sonata by Telemann was rendered with all its liveliness, loveliness and amazingly individualist playfulness. The melodic inflections of de Selma's little-known Canzon resounded in a way that emphasized its aria-like tunefulness. The dance movements of Bach's Suite in D minor were performed with enchanting elegance. A highlight of the program was

Jacob van Eyck's solo variations,

abounding in technical pitfalls that

were tackled with breakneck, bril-

liant virtuosity. Hod's natural, captivating charm and freshness of approach promoted Barsanti's Sonata to the level of a glittering musical gem. Her musical and technical accomplishments are such as to make her rank among the country's outstanding recorder flutists.

Lissogursky was a sensitive and attentive accompanist at the harpsichord and also displayed formidable skill and musicality in pieces by John Bull. Redeemer Church, October 5.

Jonkoping joined Uri Mayer and the Israel Sinfonietta to open the 23rd concert season in Beersheba. Jonkoping is a city no larger than Beersheba (with a population of about 130,000) yet its amateur chamber choir sang with an assurance and discipline that rivals professional ensembles. Their clear, youthful voices resonate like marble pillars from head to foot, and were particularly well suited to the Bruckner Mass in E mmor.

tual illumination in the 19th-ceotury Austrian master's work - frequently shifting registers and textures, from unison to chordal declamation, while finding lyricism in contrapuntal passages. They navigated tricky chromaticism with the help of spare but supportive winds and hrass, which lent a medieval aura. Israeli soloist Larisa Tatuyev

and Susanna Poretsky were featured in Pergolesi's Stabat Mater Ury Eppstein - the most popular sacred choral work of the 18th century. SWEDISH choir from They brought a Rachmaninoff-

like intensity to the lattice-texured work, contrasting in vocal approach to the Scandanavians' objective strength. Mayer and the Sinfonietta opted for clarity of tempi and efficiency,

often squeezing delicate tooal shadings into rhythmic frame. Presentation was confident and well received. Beersheba Conservatory, Oct-

овет 5. Max Stern

NIO takes aim at Weber opera

HE story of Carl Maria von Weber's romantic opera Der Freischütz ("The Sharpshooter") is enough to make you hide under a blanket.

Max (Jorma Silvasti), a young hunter, desperately needs to win the annual sharpshooting competition so he can marry the head ranger's daughter, Againe (Soil Isokoski). But Caspar (Victor von Halem) is jealous of Max and has sold his soul to the devil into the bargain. Here the darker currents of Germanic folk myth take over.

The opera is making its local debut as the New Israeli Opera season opener on Saturday at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, directed by Thomas Langhoff, and with NIO music director Gary

HELEN KAYE

Bertini on the podium. Freischütz is important to the opera world because in 1818 it provided an alternative to classic Italian opera.

"The music is romantic on a solid classical base," says Bertini, who last conducted Freischüt; 10

Langhoff started out as an actor in Berlin, where he currently works as artistic and general director of the German Chamber Theater. He was born in Zurich in 1938, where his family had fled to escape the Nazis.

"My father is much more famous

than I am," says the director, who

has directed more than 50 plays

and opera productions throughout Germany and Austria. His mother had some Jewish blood, but the reason the family fled was because his celebrated actor father, Wolfgang, was a communist.

"In Zurich, Father wrote a book about his one and a half years in Burgersmor, one of the first concentration camps the Nazis set up. It was translated into 35 languages, and was one of the first books about the camps.'

Freischütz is Langhoff's second collaboration with Bertini. Their first was Benjamin Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream, when Bertini was running the Frankfurt Opera. "We promised each other then that we'd work together again. This is it."

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15 THIS LAST WEEKS ON

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K WEEK	CHARTS		TITLE	
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5	28	RITA	COLLECTION	
NEW	1	NIRVANA	FROM THE MUDDY	
2	29	SHLOMO ARTZI	SHNAIM	
6	4			
7	29	ALANIS MORISSETTE	JAGGED LITTLE PILL	
9	8	V/A	NOW 34	
8	17	FUGEES	THE SCORE	
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Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sharansky to attend Cairo economic summit: Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky confirmed yesterday be will be attending the Cairo economic summit scheduled for November. Until two weeks ago the Egyptian government was threatening to cancel the

summit, because of the failure to advance peace talks with the

Sharansky will also represent Israel at the meeting of world trade ministers to be beld in Singapore in December. The conference is

likely to focus on the liberalization and globalization of world trade

Australia seeks joint R&D fund with Israel: The Australian gov-

ernment has requested the establishment of a joint fund for financing

research and development programs with Israel. Such arrangements

already exist with the US, Canada, and from the end of the year with

Following a meeting between Australian diplomats and Industry and Trade Ministry officials, the two sides agreed to look into the

Tnuva to sell Gov't seeks \$50 billion ice cream plant to Osem

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estimated at \$50m.

Industry and Trade Ministry.

During the last few years, the local market has suffered from the

entry of various US and EU

importers, including Beo &

Jerry's and, more recently.

OSEM Industries has signed an agreement in principle to buy 51 percent of Thuva's ice cream plant for \$30 million, the company informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

According to the agreement, the two firms will establish a new company to develop and distribute

The new firm will consolidate the activities of Tena Noga and Snowcrest, which merged several months ago.

The new firm is expected to take advantage of the Swiss Nestle company's know-bow and advanced production techniques and add Nestle's products to Tnuva's ice cream line.

Nestle invested in Osem earlier

The new firm will pay Tnuva about \$30m. for Soowcrest's and Tena Noga's assets.

Provident funds show improved returns

Jerusalem Post Staff

MOST of the banks' provident funds achieved positive real returns of 1.6-2.5 percent last month, while in the first nine months of the year the majority of funds continued to report negative yields, according to figures published yesterday.

The banks said the improved returns were mainly due to the turnaround in the capital market in Among the three largest funds,

Bank Leumi's was the best performing, achieving a real positive yield of 1.86%. In the first nine months of the

year, the fund achieved an accumulated negative return of 1.14%. Bank Haposlim's Gadish fund,

achieved a positive return of 1.8% in September. Since the start of the year the

fund accumulated a negative return of 1.9%. The fund manages assets of about NIS11.75m. Bank Discount's Tamar fund

achieved a real positive yield of 1.61% last month.

The fund, which manages assets of NIS9.25m. has accumulated a negative return of 3.24% since the

in US investments

THE government hopes to raise some \$50 billion for a variety of projects over the next decade, as a result of the "new government, new opportunities" conference for potential US investors, which The annual sales turnover of Soowcrest and Tena Noga are

begins in New York today.

Led by Narional Infrastructure Together, the two firms hold about 30% of the ice cream mar-Minister Ariel Sharon, the threeday event will present Israel's major public and private sector plans with the aim of encouraging The transaction is subject to the approval of the monopolies and mergers commissioner at the possible American financial part-

Numerous projects will be out-Osem's announcement led to a lined during the sessions dedicated to various aspects of the Israeli

2.5% increase in the company's shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Development of Israel's energy sector, including the natural gas Osem and Touva started their pipeline (\$10.5b.). negotiations about six months Trans-Israel Highway, particularly the completion of the first phase, which will be a toll road ago in reaction to growing competition in the local ice cream mar-

from Hadera to Gedera (\$2b.). Railway development program in Israel and into neighboring countries (\$1.5b.).

 13 tourism and other projects proposed by the Israel Lands

Administration, including Nazareth Development of additional water sources, the national sewer project, and sea-water desalination

Ben Gurion 2000 - the expansion of the airport to allow for a 16 million annual passenger capacity.

Israel's privatization program will be high on the New York agenda.

The government is expected to use the conference as a platform to reveal details of its plans for structural reforms in the some 150 stateowned companies.

The delegation also intends to promote regional infrastructure projects, based mainly in the Jordan Rift Valley, Eilat-Aqaba Gulf and Southeastern Mediterranean.

Other senior officials in the delegation are Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, Communications Minister Limor Livnat, deputy fmance minister David Magen, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. US Undersecretary of Commerce

Stuart Eizenstat, New York Governor George Paraki and New also attend the conference.

ticipate.
"In the coming years it will not be possible to fund the development of Israeli water, energy, land and trans-port infrastructure from the government budget," said Sharon before leaving for the US. "Therefore it is of the utmost importance to encourage the raising of private sector capital for the highest preference

While in the US, Livnar will meet senior executives from Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch to discuss the privatization of Bezen and hold a series of additional meetings with representatives of communications, television and cable compa-

C'ttee okays sale of Yozma **EVELYN GORDON**

THE Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the sale of venture capital firm Yozma with broad bipartisan support.

The state-owned firm, established in 1992, has set up nine venture capital funds with local and foreign partners over the past four years, as well as investing directly in some 14 companies.

However, since several privatesector venture capital funds have recently been set up, the govern-ment decided it is no longer needed in this business. It therefore decided to sell 100% of Yozma's shares via private tender.

The company's rights in its veo-ture capital funds will be transferred to the government, rather than being included in the sale. The Treasury said this was necessary because Yozma's parmers in the funds have the right to buy out its shares at a fixed price. This unattractive to potential buyers, the Treasury said.

The firm currently has NIS157 million invested in its funds, and NIS20m. invested directly in companies. It carned a profit of NIS124,000 last year, compared

to a loss of NIS3.5m in 1994. At the suggestion of MK Avraham Sbohat (Labor), the committee decided that any changes in the sale process approved by the committee yester-day must be brought back to it for

re-approval. Due to a recent change in the law, the committee does not have to approve the final sale. However, also at Shohat's suggestion, the committee decided to demand a full report on the various bidders, the winning offer and why the winning bid was accept-

York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani will

Hundreds of businessmen from Israel, the US and Europe will par-

Bank Otzar Hahayal compensation funds reported positive real yields of 0.4% - 0.76% in the first nine months of the year. In September, the funds achieved real returns of 2.2% - 2%. September CPI of 0.6% predicted: The Israel Chamber of Commerce forecasts that the September Consumer Price Index will be 0.6%, relatively low compared with previous years. The chamber said the index reflects a stabilization in prices, including housing, and a drop in items in commodities influenced by seasonal prices.

Galit Lipkis Beck national projects.

Levy will return home via England, where he will study the privatization of British Airways and other former government compa-

Itochu plans joint projects with Manufacturers Association: Itochu, the Japanese trade company, plans to engage in joint projects with the Manufacturers Association in order to expand its business relations with Israel, association foreign trade division head Moshe Nahum announced yesterday. Itocho will assist Israeli companies in finding strategic investors, marketing their products and joint ven-tures, said Nahum. Itochu is one of the largest trade company's in Japan, with an annual turnover of \$17 billion.

feasibility of such a project.

Babies R US divisions to open in three Toys R US stores here: Toys R US Israel will inaugurate Babies R US divisions in three of its stores during the next few days.

Earlier this week, the Toys R US chain gained cootrol of the US-based Baby Super Store, which will gradually be integrated in the chain's Baby R US divisions. With an annual sales turnover of more

than \$450 million and 73 stores, the Babies R US chain is one of the dominant chains in the US baby product market, Jerusalem Post Staff

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Panel to discuss reducing judges' pension rights

EVELYN GORDON MK Michael Kleiner (Likud), in a

THE Knesset Finance Committee will consider reducing judges' pension rights to those current in the rest of the economy, following a tee MKs.

Curreotly, judges accumulate pension rights at the rate of seven percent a year, which means they are entitled to a full pension (70% of their salary) after 10 years. Ordinary workers accumulate

pension rights at the rate of only 2% a year, meaning they can get a full pension only after 35 years of work. Former finance minister Avraham Shohat (Labor), now head of the opposition in the committee, argued in a motion for the agenda that this was completely unjustified. Over the past year, be noted, ministers' pension rights were reduced from 7% to 2% a year, and those of MKs

and ministry director-generals were reduced from 4% to 2% a year. Only the judges still have extraordinary pension rights, and there is no reason for this exception, be

separate motion for the agenda, noted that the original reason for giving MKs and ministers extraorsience of their positions, which made it necessary for them to accumulate pensions in a relatively short

Judges, bowever, are appointed for life, and therefore do not have this constraint. For them to get 7% a year on their pensions is therefore utterly absurd, he said.

MKs and ministers are getting a 33% wage increase this month in exchange for their lost pension rights and (for MKs) giving up moonlighting.
Judges, however, got a 50% wage

increase last year without giving up anything in return.

Following the increase, Supreme Court justices earn some NIS32,000 a month plus benefits, while district court judges get NIS24,700 a month.

For comparison, the prime minister earns NIS21,300 a month.

Texaco, Shell to team up in US market

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Two Western oil giants, Texaco and Shell Oil Co., said yesterday they were teaming up in the US market.

The companies were commenting on a report in the Wall Street Journal that they were discussing a possible merger of their US downstream operations with Star Enterprise, a joint venture between Texaco and Saudi Arameo, to form the world's largest oil retailer with assets worth \$10 billion.

The announcements by the two companies made no mention of a possible link with the Saudi oil giant.

"Shell Oil Company confirms it is discussing with Texaco the potential for joint arrangements involving

US downstream operations," the company said. Texaco said the goal of the discussions was to create a more efficient operation maximizing the strength of the both companies, including their brands, to create a revitalized downstream business in the US.

It said the companies will spend the next few mooths trying to develop an alliance to benefit stockholders of both companies.

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G20 banks to present currency clearing plans

ZURICH (Reuter) - The Group of ed \$2.0 trillion of such instruc-20 (G20) international banks will today outline its plans for a global clearing house that aims to reduce drasocally the risks of breakdown in the \$1.2 trillion daily foreign exchange market.

Baroness Young (right), a senior member of Britain's ruling Conservative Party and bead of an ini-

tiative to promote business ties with Cuba, is greeted by Cuban Trade Minister Ricardo Cabrisas

prior to holding talks yesterday. Young is being accompanied on her trip by a British business del-

The plans will be presented to 2,000 bankers, broker-dealers, central bankers and exchange officials gathering in Florence for a three-day Swift International Bank Operations Seminar (SIBOS).

Swift, owned by some 3,000 banks, runs the world's largest network for transmitting payment instructions, handling an estimat-

AVNER Insurance, the company which compensates automobile

accident victims, completed the

first half of the year with a net

profit of NIS13.9 million, com-

pared with a net loss of NIS21.28m in the corresponding

Net profits in the second quarter

were NIS4.49m., compared with a net loss of NIS23.96m. in the

The improved earnings were

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tions a day.

"We are making good progress and keeping to our timetable," Rob Close, G20 and payments strategy director at Barclays Bank Plc, said about the G20's plan.

A draft of the business requirements for the system has been completed and the group is on tar-get to make a final decision on the project by year's end, he said. The G20 was formed in 1994 by

bankers who specialize in large value cross-border payments. Their aim is to set up a system that would reduce risks from currency

tinued implementation of a recov-

Avner posts NIS13.9m. profit in first half **GALIT LIPKIS BECK** mainly due to the company's con-

> CTY Drogram. As a result of the recovery program, its accumulated deficit fell to NIS660m. from NIS802m. at the end of 1995.

Key factors which contributed to the improved earnings included a growth in premium payments to NIS944.23m. from NIS856m. which was primarily due to an increase in tariffs and growth in number of automobiles on the

In the first six months, total revennes rose to NIS1 billion from NIS899.7m., while total claims went up to NIS818.6m. from NIS780.34m. The earnings were offset by a rise in expenses, to NIS34.19m.

from NIS31.7m.

management emphasized it is necessary to amend the compensation law. The capital market division at the Finance Ministry is currently

in the process of amending the car

In the financial statements.

accident victims law to oblige all insurance firms to be partners in

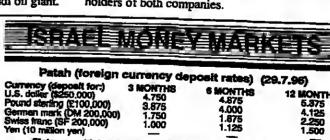
prevent certain insurance firms from going ahead with their threat to withdraw from their partnership agreement with Avner, which was signed 20 years ago. Avner management fears that the intention of insurance firms to

The aim of the amendment is to

independently incur the compen-sation costs of its automobile accident vietims could lead to the collapse of the consortium. According to Avner's existing contract with insurance firms,

compulsory insurance policies are issued jointly. The insurance companies share in the policy is 30%, while Avner pays automobile accident

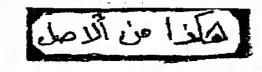
victims the remaining 70% of the compensation. But Eliyahu Insurance, which is involved in a legal conflict with Avner, has decided to cut all relations with the consortium at the end of 1996 and instead independently incur the compensation costs of its automobile accident



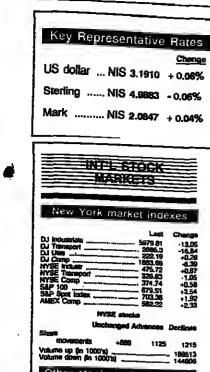
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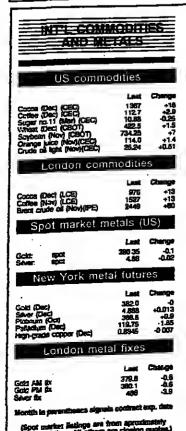
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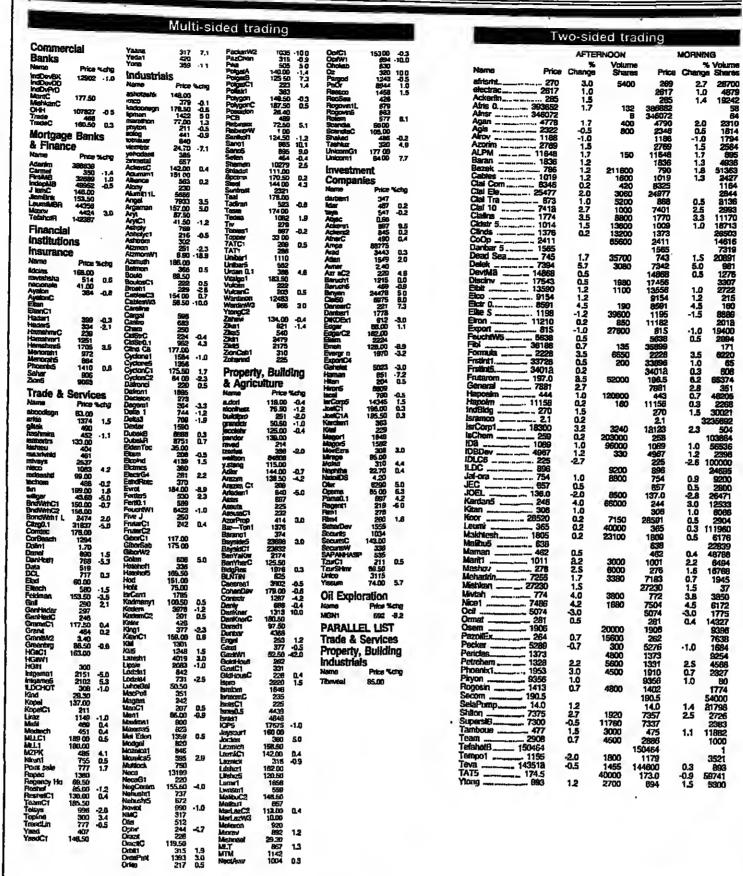
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197.98 +0.90% Two-Sided Index

SHARE indexes rose nearly one percent ycaterday, led by Nice Systems Ltd., a maker of digital voice-recording and logging equipment, and holding company Clai Israel Ltd.

"The market is moving slowly npward on amall turnover," while investors await developments in the peace process and in the gov-ernment's budget-cutting efforts, said Moshe Jonas, who runs the Jerusalem office of the brokerage Moritz and Tuchler.

If the political front improves and the budget is cut, "the market has a lot of poteotial," Jonas

The Two-Sided Index advanced 0.95% to 187.70, preliminary figures showed, while the Maof Index climbed 0.9% to

The most active issue was Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., down 0.5% on trading of NIS 2.5 million worth of shares.

The company said on Sunday that the US Food and Drug Administration accepted its advisory panel's approval of Teva's first original drug, copaxone, a treatment for mulople scierosis.

The acceptance is a key step toward final marketing approval for copaxone, Teva said.

Nice Systems advanced 4%, after leaping 10%, the daily limit, on Sunday. The stock went up 12.5% last Thursday and Friday in New York, prompting arbitragers to make up the price differential between the markets.

Wall Street's bid for 6,000 enthralls European shares

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Wall Street's recoonaissance above 6,000 points helped Europeao shares to eod mostly firmer yesterday, although its inability to break higher killed off any independent ambitions the European markets might have had.

Londoo and Germao shares touched oew records io early trade, hat were fading by early afteroooo, when Wall Street came-to their rescue hy edging through 6,000 for the first time,

touching a high of 6,002.17.
Wall Street soon retreated, however, and stood down 8.20 at 5.983.66 shortly after the European markets closed.

Share traders oo both sides of the Atlantic are split between those who believe that US shares are now vulnerable to profit-taking and those who see prices rallying further as the US economy, which has been growing rapidly, slows to a more sustainable level of inflation-free growth.

London's FTSE Index settled 6.7 up at 4,031.5 points, a new record close, after profit-taking

in gilts, T-bonds and in US stocks knocked the index off the day's earlier high of 4,046.8.

Freoch shares closed fractionally lower oo Wall Street, turning mittal gains into small losses after speoding the day in a very oarrow trading range.

Germany's DAX Iodex rose 19.36 points to 2,702.64, a oew record closing high. Most of the gains were accounted for by the market catching up with the screen-based IBIS DAX lodex. which hit 2,704.25 in post-bourse trading oo Friday and ended at 2705.21 yesterday.

The dollar was near session lows in late Europe but stayed locked in familiar ranges as a subdued market contemplated a week promising few trading incentives.

It dipped against the yen in the European afternoon after being unsettled overnight by Japanese calls for higher interest rates, traders said. But analysts saw little on the horizon likely to stir up the dollar abcad of US data due

Dow passes 6,000, closes just under it

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market's six-year rally poked through another barrier yesterday as the Dow Jones industrial average surpassed 6,000 for the first time.

Wall Street's best-known indicator rose to 6,002.17 less than a half hour after the market opened and took another short trip above the mark moments

In all, the Dow spent about five minutes starting with a six.

Profit takers wound up pushing the index down 13.05 points from Friday's close to 5.979.81. Still, the rise above 6,000 was

remarkable, simply because it followed so quickly on the heels of other big milestones.

It's been less than a year since the index of 30 blue-chip companies like IBM, General Electric and Coca-Cola first hit 5,000, and less than 20 months since it reached 4,000. For the record, the average

also closed below 5,000 after its first trip past that mark on No-vember 20, 1994, but blew past it the next day by gaining mure than 40 points.

The Dow's quick rise since then has some investors worried that stock prices won't be able to hold on to their gains. "The market is getting pricey.

It's definitely time to be selec-tive," said John Burke, who was mulling his opdons at a Fidelity Investments office near the New York Stock Exchange. "I would expect some sort of a pullback."

But others see no reason why the market can't, extend its winning ways, especially with individual inveators continuing to pour money in for the long haul.

The Dow has now gained about 16 percent from a low of 5,182.31 this snmmer, after a pullback blamed on fears that inflation, interest-rate hikes and weak profita from technology companies were around the

But since then, investors have become more optimistic that economic growth is sustainable without rising inflation or higher

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Maccabi Tel Aviv still unbeaten

HAPOEL Eilat fans have every reason to be shaking their heads after last night's 98-87 loss to Maccabi Tel Aviv at Yad Eliahu.

As late as midway through the second half it looked like if they just turned up the intensity a bit, Eilat might sneak away with a huge upset of the defending

Coacb Mosbe However Weinkrantz's club has shown they're no road warriors, and raded into the night behind poor shot selection and the inability to stop Maccabi (4-0) inside during money time.

Eilat, tabbed by many to be a Final Four contender, dropped its third away game of the year to fall 10 2-3, and fans must be wonder-

ing whether the club is for real.

Meanwhile, Maccabi Tel Aviv supporters have to be wondering just what the continued wishywashy league performances by coach Zvi Scherf's club may mean in terms of their ability to withstand the grueling Euro League competition ahead.

Eilat got off the mark quicker than Maccabi, and was ahead early 9-4, thanks to some early offense by James Forrest Paced by an unstoppable Amir Katz, who had 15 points in the first half on perfect shooting, including three three-pointers, Eilat built a 32-26 lead and looked like it was serious about winning in Yad Eliahu.

That's when Maccabi's offense, plagued by turnovers and missed

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shots, turned over a new Leaf, with Brad and Doron Sheffer combining for a 10-0 run that at first appeared to take the heart out of However, Nanad Markovitch took over the playmaker's role and got the Eilat offense rolling again. Meir Tapiro's three-pointer tied it at 45-

45, and Weinkrantz's club might have led at the buzzer had Chris Shabbat not missed a chip shot underneath and then fouled Buck Johnson going for the rebound. Instead, Maccabi went into the locker room ahead, 48-45.

Eilat pulled to 53-52 when evergreen Joe Dawson scored, but then Maccabi again exploited its overwbelming advantage under the basket wheo Nadav Henefeld scored on two straight offensive rebounds to open a 61-54 lead. making up for a series of missed

threes by Derrick Sharp.

Eilat tried a zone defense that rattled Maccabi briefly, and when Sheffer had to leave after his fourth foul, it looked like the southerners were back in it. Markovitch again found Forrest underneath, or scored himself, and Eilat was within three, 61-5g. But Sharp finally hit one from downtown to crack the zone, and Oded Karasb followed with two more to suddenly balloon the lead to 75-65.

What followed was largely academic. Anytime Eilat threatened, Maccabi was able to pound the

ball inside to either Randy White (16 points), Buck Johnson (19) or even Constantin Popa, who played most of the second half and finished with 11, including ooe hoop in which be played catch with himself off the glass umolested.

Henefeld and Katash kept the ball moving around the perimeter, while Leaf and Sharp provided energy, the latter also shutting down Katz once the Eilat sharp-shooter returned from a long rest on the bench in the second half. White cut down Forrest with a variety of inside moves, limiting him to just 12 points before the Eilat center fouled out.

For Maccabi, Doron Sbeffer had flashes of brilliance, scoring 14 poiots (two three-pointers) while deftly running his team's attack, which augurs well for Thursday night's Euro League matchup vs. Panionios. Katash bad 13 as Maccabi once again played just well ecough to beat its opponents, but still not up to its full potential.



Panthers spoil Gretzky's New York home debut

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Wayne Gretzky's first game in front of his new home fans on Sunday was hardly a Great One.

The Florida Panthers, who held Gretzky to one assist, got two goals from Brian Skrudland, including the tie-breaker 6:20 into the third period, and Rob Niedermayer added a pair of goals as the Panthers spoiled the home opener for Gretzky's New York

Skrudland's second goal of the game, a high wrist shot over Mike Richter's glove, came just 56 sece onds after Pat Flatley's tally tied it

Scott Mellanby converted a 3on-1 with 2:57 remaining to make it 4-2 and Niedermayer's second the scoring.

Panthers goalie John Vanbiesbrouck, an ex-Ranger, made 34 saves, stopping all 17 shots he faced in the first period.

Trailing 2-0 on goals by Skrudland and Niedermayer, the Rangers got on the board with a power-play goal by Niklas Sundstrom, who deflected Bruce Driver's point sbot past

SUNDAY'S RESULTS: Florida 5, NY Rangers 2 Chicago 4, St. Louis 1 Edmonton 2, Vancouver 0 Calgary 3, Buffalo 0 San Jose 7, Los Angeles 6

bis first-team place.

Vanbiesbrouck with 7:27 left in Saturday the second period. Gretzky assisted on the goal for his first point as

Blackhawks 4, Blues 1

Chris Chelios and Murray Craven had a goal and an assist apiece and Tony Amonte set up a pair of scores. After host St. Louis took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Peter Zezel, the Blackhawks responded with four

unanswered tallies. Craven drew Chicago even when he took a pass from Amonte, who was stationed behind the net, and slid the puck under the pads of

Blues goaltender Grant Fuhr. James Black snapped the tie 54 seconds into the second period when be tipped home a slap shot

Chelios and Ethan Moreau added third-period goals for the Hawks, who woo their season opener in Washington on

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start of the season while Fuhr turned aside 27 shots.

Oilers 2, Canucks 0

Joseph made six saves during a Vancouver power play early in the third period and blocked Pavel Bure on a breakaway with 3:30

"The key was not letting them get many second shots," Joseph said. "We did an excellent job of their scorers away from the front

Corey Hirsch and Kirk McLean combined to stop 30 Oiler shots.

Chicago goalie Jeff Hackett stopped 36-of-37 shots in his first

Cartis Joseph stopped 35 shots, including 17 in the final period, for hissixth career shutout and Dean McAmmond and Rem Murray scored goals 93 seconds apart in the first-period as the bost Oilers blanked the Canucks.



THE Israel Equestrian Federation will be bolding a dressage competition tomorrow at

Israel will be competing at the Prix St. Georges level against Slovenia, Australia and New Zealand. This is the sixth year that local riders have competed in the event and only the second time at this level.

Under the sponsorship of Samsung, the electronics giant and backer of 30 countries in this competition, Israeli riders are given the chance to test their skills before international judges sent by the Federation Equestre Internationale.

Keren Mack, Tal Goren, Olga Siroz and Rana

ic where the judges will appraise and instruct

FREE TO PLAY - Thomas Muster leaves the International Tennis Federation headquarters in London yesterday after facing judgement for walking out in the middle of a match.

Muster escapes suspension over Davis Cup walkout

a suspension over his dramatic Davis Cup doubles walkout in Brazil when the International Tennis Federation decided the \$8,000 fine it had already imposed was punishment enough.

The ITF's Davis Cup Committee also imposed no punishment on the Austrian team, which defaulted its two singles matches and gave Brazil a 4-1 victory. Muster stormed off court during last month's World Group qualifying tie in Sao Paulo. He charged that

him, and tried to blind him with mirrors. In their defense, the Austrians said they could provide video evidence of the Brazilian fans' behavior but ITF president Brian Tobin said no concrete proof

Brazilian fans had spat, cursed and thrown objects at

of what happened had been provided. "The committee isn't planning to take action against Brazil," Tobin said. "As far as were are concerned the security arrangements were very good." Muster and Anstrian tennis officials spent an hour

and 20 minutes before the four-member Davis Cup Committee, chaired by ITF Tobin. "We put all the facts on the table." Muster said. "I hope they're going to take all the facts and have a

verdict which will do us justice." Muster, accompanied by his manager Ronnie Leitgeb, flew immediately back to Austria after the hearing without waiting for the decision, A Brazilian tennis delegation, headed by national federation vice president Aristides Marques, also

The ITF had already fined Muster \$8,000 for leaving the court and making an obscene gesture. Muster could have been suspended from Davis Cup

play, or Austria could be kicked out of the competi-

The incident occurred September 21 in Sao Paulo when Muster walked off court while trailing in a doubles march 0-2, 15-30, in the fifth and deciding set. Austria forfeited that match, With Muster suspended for the reverse singles, Austria decided to forfeit the remaining two matches and lost the Davis Cup tie

tioo for a year or relegated to the bottom ranks.

Muster said yesterday he could not tolerate it when people say things like, 'You're not going to leave the country alive.' throwing knives, stones, spitting on you.

The Davis Cup really shouldn't become a war," he said, "We have seen it lots in football stadiums and its shouldn't happen in termis.

"If (fans) know they can win the tie ... by threatening people, this will go on and on. Sooner or later, there are going to be injuries somewhere."

Brazilian officials said Muster was a poor sport and dismissed his claim that he felt threatened.

The Portuguese chair umpire, Antonio Flores Marques, described Muster's actions as unjustified. The Austrian tennis federation backed Muster's

In addition to Tobin, the members of the Davis Cup committee were Australia's Neale Fraser, Spain's Juan Margets and US Tennis Association president

Brazilian fans have been at the center of previous stormy Davis Cup matches, most recently against

The victory for Brazil handed the Latin Americans a place in oext year's Davis Cup World Group, a 16team pool of the world's top tennis teams. Austria was relegated to the second division.

Russians arrive today for World Cup clash*

THE Russian national team arrives here today, just one day before the crucial World Cup qualifier with Israel at Ramat Gan tomorrow evening. But coach Boris Ignatiev is keeping his cards very close to his chest.

The Russian lineup has not been published, although it is expected to be very similar to the one which beat Cyprus 4-0 in Moscow last month.

Israel held a closed training session yesterday evening in a new tradition which was established before the match against Bulgaria last mooth. The whole squad trained without the scrutiny of the press as coach Shlomo Scharf tried various combinations to face the Russians.

Scharf's preference is to use a three-man central defensive system which could allow David Amsalem and Felix Halfon the chance to utilize their speed on the wings. Scharf is still formulating his strategy, however, but will only announce his lineup tomor-

Also training for its clash with Russia is the under-21 squad which meets its opponents at 5 pm in Herzliya today. The Israeli squad, coached by Yitzhak Sbum, bear its Bulgarian opponents 2-0 in the corresponding encounter a day before the main clash with the Bulgarians last month. The Russians, according to Shum, will be far tougher opponents, however.

ATP to players: Mind your manners

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) -The head of the ATP Tour has warned players they can face immediate default for abusive oncourt behavior.

In an open letter to the players, tour chief executive Mark Miles praises them for their support of the Kids' Fund Program and other community projects.

But he also reminds them to watch their behavior.

"We will not tolerate a player's verbal or physical abuse of an official, fellow player, member of the media or spectator," the letter says.

code of conduct specifies that verbal or physical abuse can result in an immediate default - rather than just a warning or point penalty.

Local equestrian group to hold dressage tourney

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This year the judges will be Dr. Wojciech

Markowski from Poland and Belgian Jean Riding for Israel will be Sally Amsterdamer.

Following the competition will be a day clinthe riders. The event will begin at 10 am.

Merson competing with younger players for team spot

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LONDON (Reuter) - Arsenal midfielder Paul Mersoo bas emerged from a long hard battle against drug and alcohol addiction to find a new geoeration of players blocking his return to the England side.

squad for the first time since his astonishing admission in late 1994 to a life of heavy drinking, cocaine abuse and obsessive gambling. But as England prepares to face Poland at Wembley tomorrow, the bugely-talented 28-

year-old admits he will bave to fight to regain

Merson is back in coach Glenn Hoddle's

"It's frightening the number of young players who have emerged since I've been away. he said. "When I was last in the squad I was" considered one of the youngsters.

"Now there are so many good players around and it can only be good for England and our World Cup prospects to have players like David Beckham, Gary Neville, Steve McManaman, Robhie Fowler and Dominic Matteo here.

"It made me feel a bit nervous about coming back into this, but there are still a lot of players here from when I was last around two years ago and they've been brilliant to Merson, capped 14 times for England before

his club and international career nosedived in 1994, has conquered his addictions through regular counseling and weekly visits to a rehabilitation clinic.

But he acknowledges be will always live with the legacy of having at one time run up

betting debts of £108,000 while spending £150 pounds a night on cocaine.

there and it's no laughing matter." He says he owes his career and his life to the people who supported him through those "lost years" - the Arsenal fans and the English Football Association.

"I know in 10 years or 20 years it will be

just as bad for me," he said. "It will still be

"The fans never gave me a lot of stick," he said. "I think they were too shocked with what was going on when I was playing really badly. "But they've always been brilliant to me. They never slaughter me, even if it goes wrong. They know I'm trying as bard as I can

"What I did was completely and utterly wrong but they've always backed me."

Coppell appointed City manager LONDON (Reuter) - Former Manchester United

winger Steve Coppell was named as the new manager of First Division Manchester City yesterday, ending the club's 42-day search for a successor to Alan Coppell, 41, whose playing career with United and

England was cut short by injury when he was 28, was scheduled to travel north from his London home later yesterday to meet chairman Francis Lee and club Coppell has taken the job after resigning as techni-

cal director at Crystal Palace. Twelve days ago current Palace boss Dave Bassett, who replaced Coppell as manager at Selhurst Park, turned down the City Coppell coofirmed his appointment yesterday

morning, saying: "It's a terrific challenge. I am

delighted it's settled and I can get on with the task ahead of me.

"Manchester City have to be one of the best supported clubs in the country. I think it's only a matter of time before Manchester City are back in the Premier League among the big oames. They bave wonderful fans and we might need just a little patience."

A succession of managers turned down the chance to revive the ailing club including Bassett, George Graham, Bruce Rioch, Howard Kendall and Willie Donachie. Coppell won 42 caos for England. After starting his

career at Tranmere he made over 300 appearances for Manchester United and later managed Crystal Palace whom he took to the 1990 Cup Final which they lost to United after a replay.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer referee admits mistake Referee Paul Danson has admitted he was wrong to send off Sunderland's Paul Stewart against Assenal at Highlinry last week

and the striker will now escape a one match suspension.

Danson, who had already sent off Sunderland defender Martin. Scott for two bookable fouls in the same game, agreed to review the evidence of Stewart's dismissal at a weakend referees semmar with. the Football Association and the League Managers' Association.

Birmingham player banned for pushing ref
Birmingham City defender Gary Poole was suspended for four
games and fixed £1,000 yesterday for pushing a referee in the back
to protest a penalty decision.

Poole, who has already served two matrices of the ban, poshed

referee Richard Poulain from behind after the official had awarded Manchester City a penalty against Birmingham at Maine Road September 21. After Poole had been expelled, home forward Georgi Kinkladze scored from the spot for the only goal of the game. AP

Lasorda released from hospital Former Los Angeles Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda left the hospital on Sunday in good condition after having a second heart

operation in nearly four months.

He's doing extremely well. The doctors don't anticipate anymore complications," said Tara Igos, a spokeswoman for Centinela Hospital Medical Center.

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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE chamber music concert season of the Tel Aviv Museum opens tonight with a double delight of baroque music as Jerusalem Early Music Workshop guests are featured in two concerts. The first part of the evening (8) features concerti by Vivaldi. Telemann and Bach. The second concert (9:45) showcases sacred music written in Venice between 1600 and 1660. Most recommended.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

SHAKESPEARE in Beirut? You bet! Cameri artistic director Omri Nitzan has directed a suavely acted, very sophisticated, very witty and very impudent Comedy of Errors which extols the benefits of piece without ever sermonizing. Dan Almagor's translation brings the jokes into the '90s while Ohad Shahar, Natan Damer, Ya'acov Cohen and Rami Baruch keep them aloft. Unmissable. Tonight on the Cameri mainstage at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English).

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

FOLLOWING its annual vacation the Bat-Dor Dance Company returns to perform tonight at the company's theatre in Tcl Aviv a mixed program featuring Mauricio Wainrot's Tam-Bu-Le, Gigi Cacinleanu's captivating Cartoons danced to Saint-Saens's Carnival of the Animals and a new work by Ania Brod. They are joined by several new company members.

Thursday in Ashdod the company presents Brod's Head of the Shoe. Ed Wubhe's most powerful and dramatic Schlager and Caciuleanu's Cartoons.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

**1/2 INDEPENDENCE DAY - Perhaps the

CRITIC'S CHOICE

Crack fighter pilots Will Smith (left) and Harry Connick, Jr. are briefed on their assignment in 'Independence Day.'

most overblown B-movie ever made, Germanborn director Ronald Emmerich's techno-blockbuster about the invasion of the earth by evil extraterrestrials is best appreciated as a giant joke, a crazy send-up of the patriotic claptrap and warmongering conventions that have obsessed moviemakers since the Cold War chill first set in. To attempt to glean some meaningful lesson from the absurd script, pointedly lousy acting and pyrotechnic displays of Our Fighting Boys slamming those wicked, squishy critters with multiple missile attacks is to risk insanity - or something much more ominous. That way a trigger-happy New World Order lies. With Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith, Bill Pullman and many others. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly cautioned.)

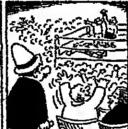
*** LEAVING LAS VEGAS - Nicolas Cage gives an enormous, excruciating performance in Mike Figgis's film, and one that's all the remarkable for its anguished attempts at humor. Until now, Cage has always played the clown - flexing his furry eyebrows and jutting his soft chin to broad comic effect. Amazingly enough, he does the same thing here, as an alcoholic Hollywood screenwriter who loses his job, burns his belongings and drives to Nevada where he intends to drink himself to death. Adapted by Figgis from an autobiographical novel by the late John O'Brien, the movie is at once harsh and tender, repellent and engrossing. And almost impossible to enjoy. Indeed, at times Leaving Las Vegas seems very much the brainchild of its aggressively sloshed anti-hero, torn between wanting the audience's affections and shoving us rudely away. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

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ACROSS

1 Oriental princess in silent film (6)

4 Fast trip crossing town (8) 9 Senior electrician in the studio puts a mistake right

10 In such a state there's no need for alarm (8) 12 This god turned back where East and West meet (4)

13 Cold as some eels are said to be (5)

14 Part of a nasty eye-lid (4) 17 Pity a vital ingredient in

New York seasonal entertainment (8,4)

20 Breaking in by a burglar results in a criminal record

23 Vegetable in need of a plug, we hear (4)

24 Strangely eager to come to terms (5)

25 Song needs a tuneful backing (4) 28 Enormous leakage in fuel

29 Group going round an evil gambling den (6) 30 Drunken purser is disposed to stagger (8) 31 Start breeding a bird dog(6)

DOWN 1 Something to read in the powder room (8)

2 Doesn't pay for a new flat, sued (8) 3 Employed to collect various

5 He'll suffer in court if his driving is bad (6,6)

6 No success at keeping a girl quiet (4)

7 Fancy becoming a tener maybe (6) 8 He picks the winning ticket but returns the prize (6)

11 Does this reflect the elements? (7.5)

15 Lives wildly, producing social problems (5) 16 Reprimanded severely for

having spiked the drink (5) 18 Prison clique is causing trouble (8)

19 Mr O'Casey crashed in American plane (8) 21 The opposite

hustles-yet still worn (6) 22 Indiscreet bank official? (6) 26 A good man rises to King and Emperor (4) 27 Spirited match (4)

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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Athlete (6) 4 Put on the scales

(5) 6 New (5) 9 Lattice work (7) 10 Arbiter (7) 11 Inflamed eyelid (4)

12 Dance step (3) 14 Excuse (4) 15 Assistant (4) 18 Meadow (3) 21 Lease (4) 23 Seepage (7) 25 Income (7)

26 Perfect (5)

28 Method (6)

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8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Days of Our Lives 11:20 Perla Negra 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Dallas 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 Robin's Hoods 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Callas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Savannah – new series 21:40 The Tommyknockers – mini-series besed on Stephen King's novel, Part 1 23:20 The Larry Sanders Show 23:45 Melrose Place 00:30 Models Inc. 1:20 The Fortune Hunter 8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Willing to Kill: The Texas Cheerleader Story (1992) – true story of a mother prepared to kill her daughter's friends so that her daughter can get a spot on the cheerleading squad (rpt) 13:05 Till the Clouds Roll By (1947) (rpt) 15:25 Say Amer. Somehork (1982) – 13:05 Till the Clouds Roll By (1947) (ript)
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against a Japanese general determined to destroy all places of lung-tu study (90 mins.) 1:05 The Lover (French, 1995) — the love affair between e French schoolgid living in 1920s Vietnam and an older Chinese man. With Jane March and Tony Long. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud. (110 mins.) 3:00 Drag Strip Girl (1994) — a poor Hispanic boy becomes involved in crime while trying to impress a rich Anglo girl (rpt) a rich Anglo girl (rpt)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:05 The Children from Oz 9:30 VR Troopers 10:00 Little University (rpt) 10:30 Minor Adjustments 10:55 Saved by the Bell 11:30 Black Beauty 12:00 Chiquitias 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:20 Popcomia 13:40 Make-Belleve Closel 14:05 The Legend of the North Wind 14:35 Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol 15:00 VR Troopers 15:25 Little University – America 15:55 Hangin' with Mr. Cooper 16:25 Saved by the Bell 17:00 Max Glick 17:30 Chiquitias 18:15 Mot 18:40 Make-Believe Closet 19:00 Detective Hush Hash 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseenne 21:05 Step by Step 21:30 Look Who's Talking

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Une Nouvelle Vie (French, 1983)

- Tina, a 20-year old orphan, decides to look for her tather, whom she has never known, and on the way discovers a new sister, too (116 mins.) 00:00 Peking Opera Blues (Centonese, 1986) — in 1912 China, three very different girls become involved with intrigues at the Peking Opera, as they try to get hold of stolen treasure before a corrupt general does. With Lin Ching Hsieh, Sally Yeh and Cherle Chung. Directed by Tsui Hark. (100 mins.)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 3,000 Mile Garden (rpt) 12:30 Cook on the Wild Side (rpt) 13:00 In Search Of __ 13:30 ABC Natural History 14:00 Open University 16:00 3,000 Mile Garden (rpt) 16:30 Cook on the Wild Side (rpt) 17:00 In Search Of __ (rpt) 17:30 ABC Natural History (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Hartem Diary (rpt) 21:00 National Geographic Explorer 22:00 Great Books: Alice in Wonderland 23:00 Hartem Diary (rpt) 00:00 Open Harlem Diary (rpt) 00:00 Open University

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6:00 The Ticket 6:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 7:00 Today 10:00
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■ EUROSPORT

8:30 Motorcycle Racing: Brazilian Grand .
Prix – the race (rpt) 10:00 Motor Sports Magazine 12:00 Eurogoals 13:00 Car Racing: World Cup Cross-Country Rally, Parls-Moscow-Mongolia (rpt) 14:00 Triathlon: World Cup, Brazil 15:00 Mountain Bikes 16:00 Tennis: CA Cup, Austria – live 21:00 Boxing – live 23:00 Soccer: World Cup heats 00:00 Snooker

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Cricket: World Cup, Pakistan vs Holland 10:30 Futbol Mondiel 11:00 Asia Sports Show 11:30 Soccer: Asia Youth Champlonships — final 13:00 Gillette Sports World 13:30 PGA Golf 14:30 Polo 15:30 Motorcycle Racing: world championships, Brazil 17:00 Asia Sports Show 17:30 Golf: Dunhill Cup 18:30 International Sports Magazine 19:30 Boxing 21:30 Thai Boxing 22:30 Soccer: Asia Youth Championships — final 00:00 Golf: Dunhill Cup 1:00 Polo 2:00 Indian Sports Magazine

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■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Bach: Sonata no 2 in A lor violin and harpsi-Sonata no 2 in A lor violin and harpsi-chord BWV 1015 (Huggett, Koopman); Vivaldi: Stabar Mater; Schubert: Symphony no 4 (Hanover Band/Goodman); Ravel: Piano trio (Fontana); Prokofiev: Romeo and Juliet ballet scenes 12:00 Light Classical— film music 13:00 Rene Jacobs, coun-tertence — cantate by Handel Certi tertenor - cantatas by Handel, Cesti, Vivaldi 14:06 Folk music from different Vivaldi 14:06 Folk music from different countries 15:00 From the Recording Studio – Uzi Wiesel (cello), Arnan Wiesel (plano). Beethoven: Sonata no 4 in C op 102/1; Zvi Avni: Elegy for cello solo; Messiaen: 2 movements from lles de leu for piano; Mendelssohn: Sonata in D op 58 16:00 My Concert with Elon Goitein 18:00 My Concert with Elon Goitein 18:00 Mew CDs – Francesco Cavaili: Vespers-lor the Blessed Virgin part 2; Haydn: String quartet in E flat op 64/6; Mozart: Sonata in F for plano and violin K376 20:05 israel Philharmonic Orchestra cond. Herbert Blomstadt, Orchestra cond. Herbert Blomstadt, Ignat Solzhenitsyn (piano). Sibelius: En Saga; Mozart: Piano concerto no 23; Beethoven: Symphony no 7 22:00 A Musical Journey

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Olmert's immunity lifted at his request

THE Knesset House Committee yesterday unanimously accepted a request by MK Ehud Olmert (Likud) to lift his parliamentary immunity so he can stand trial for an alleged fundraising scam dur-ing the 1988 elections.

Olmert, who is also mayor of Jerusalem, was not present for the discussion, but was represented hy attorney Yigal Amon, who said that immunity had turned into a

trap for MKs. Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair accepted the committee's decision and said he would not file eharges until the High Court had heard Olmert's petition in which he claims the decision to press the charges against him is illegal. The hearing is set for Sunday.

The committee was chaired by Avraham Stern (National Religious Party). The permanent chairman, Raphael Pinhasi (Shas), has exempted himself from meetings on immunity because his own case is still being decided on. The temporary chairman Michael Eitan (Likud) disqualified himself because he had raised some of the charges when he investigated the case himself while Olmert was

Likud treasurer.

Eitan said the case involved "the disappearance of tremendous sums," hut Arnon noted Olmert was not charged with personally pocketing money.

The idea of immunity was to save innocent MKs from long trials which would prevent them from earrying out their public duties," Arnon said. "But you should understand that immunity originally intended for the innocent has become the sanctuary of the guilty. It has become a trap for life for the innocent, because a person can't become a deputy minister, minister, or even committee chairman, without a deci-sion by the courts."

Ben-Yair, Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar, Arnon, and committee members all raised the problem of the suffering caused to a public figure by the delay in standing trial. Arnon noted that four out of the five mayors who had been charged in the past few years had been found innocent, but had been forced to suffer what amounted to a miscarriage of justice while waiting for the outcome of the

Group petitions **High Court** to indict Shaki

THE Movement for Quality Government in Israel petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's decision oot to indict National Religious Party MK Avner Shaki.

The case involves three allocations made in 1990 by the ministerial committee on bequests, of which Shaki, then religious affairs minister, was a member. He recommended allocations totaling NIS 820,000 to three institutions run by his family members and political cronies, without informing the committee of his connections to them or disqualifying himself from the decisions. In 1994, Ben-Yair decided there was no public interest in indicting Shaki for traud and breach of trust, but two months ago, the High Court overturned this decision.

However, Ben-Yair decided two weeks ago that he could not indict Shaki anyway, since the five-year statute of limitations on misdemeanors had expired while the High Court was considering the petitions against his original deci-

The movement challenged this latest decision of Ben-Yair's on two grounds.

The law states that the clock for the statute of limitations does not run while an investigation is being conducted. Ben-Yair argued that an investigation comprises only actual police work, which in

MKs at the Knesset yesterday.

THE time has come for decisions on lifting an

MK's parliamentary immunity to be removed

from the Knesset's hands, former justice min-

ister Haim Zadok said at a meeting of former

They asked Zadok to lecture on the subject

apropos of Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon's

decision to set up a public committee to exam-

ine MKs' immunity. Former Likud MK Moshe

Nissim, who has served as justice, finance and

anything done in the course of his job, or "in

order to perform his job," and cannot be

removed. Procedural immunity protects an

industry minister, is to head the committee.

Shaki's case ended in July 1991. However, the movement argued that an investigation also includes the process of weighing the evi-dence and deciding whether to indict. Under this interpretation, the Shaki investigation did not end until June 1994, when Ben-Yair decided not to indict him.

The movement also argued that Shaki's status as an MK stopped the clock, since by law, the clock does not run during any period m which an MK is prevented from standing trial due to his parliamentary immunity.

Ben-Yair had argued that this law, which is meant to ensure that MKs do not take advantage of immunity proceedings to run out the clock, does not apply to Shaki's case. He since he never got as far as asking the Knesset to lift Shaki's immunity, Shaki's status as an MK in no way delayed the proceedings against him, It is irrational to say Shaki should be given fewer rights than an ordinary citizen just because he is an MK, Ben-Yair added, and that is what extending the statute of limitations would do in a case where immunity proceedings played no part in what

happened. However, the movement argued that the clock stops as long as someone is an MK, even if his parliamentary immunity has oo impact on the time that has



At yesterday's dedication of a Moslem prayer room at the Knesset are (from right) MK Abdul Malik Dahamshe (United Arab List), Speaker Dan Tichon, MKs Abdul Wahab Darawshe and Taleb a-Sanaa (both UAL), and Knesset secretary Shmuel Hollander. (Haran)

Knesset gets Moslem prayer room

AMONG the improvements rendered to the Knesset building in time for the opening of the winter session yesterday was a small prayer room for Mosiem MKs.

The room, oot far from the synagogue, used to be a secretary's office. It still has the base of a mezuza on the door, but inside it is simply furnished with prayer mats, a closet for prayer books, and a picture of the Aksa Mosque on Temple Mount

A handwritten sign declares it "The Haq Mosque" (The Mosque of Justice).

Speaker Dan Tichon was among those who took their shoes off to enter the room for the inauguration, and noted the room was provided as soon as Moslem MKs, who said they are in the Knesset building for four of the five daily prayer times on a regular workday.

requested it.
Talab a-Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party), admitted the room is small, adding with a

THE heads of Knesset factions

decided yesterday to establish an

apparatus to strengthen the

Knesset's status and maintain

acceptable norms of parliamen-

tary discourse.
But Yisrael Ba'aliya faction

head Roman Bronfman proved

prophetic when be said the test

would be the prime minister's

address, which opened the winter

For all the agreements, the

plenum discussion was stormy

and marked by heckling, mainly

At the meeting, initiated by

ecalition faction chairman

Michael Eitan, it was decided the

faction heads would meet infor-

mally to discuss complaints of

unreasonable behavior and harm

Speaker Dan Tichon also met

with faction heads to repeat his

pleoum. He said he expects the

and the leadership by 10% and

wage cuts which involved blatant

infringement of work agreements.

The senior officials, however, will

be asked to forgo the return of a

"loan" to the Histadrut, which was

The leadership also failed to

deducted from their wages last

approve reducing the Histadrut departments by half, a move which would have caused objec-

tions from Labor and Ram offi-

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Knesset aims to improve

behavior in plenum

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he said.

call for better behavior in the other parliaments around the

winter session "to be hot," but

said he would not tolerate "Ba-

Gadism," gimmicks like those

carried out by former MK Yosef

important to recall that the poblic

saw only the arguments and did

not see MKs sitting down to eat

Salah Salim (Hadash) said the

Arab MKs had felt discriminated

against in the last Knesset

because of statements that the

government only got in on the Arab vote. These are statements

that do oot become a democracy,"

Moledet leader Rebavam

Ze'evi, however, said it is not

right to ask MKs to change their

tone, as this would limit the

expression of their views. He

said comparisons had shown that

the Knesset is oo worse than

meals together in the canteen.

Eitan told the MKs it was

smile, "but it's a start."

But the opening of the prayer room coincided with the submission of a bill hy MK Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) which would make Hebrew the only official language of the country. The bill was hastily submitted wheo Zandberg learned some Arab MKs intended addressing the plenum in Arabic.

The Knesset building has undergone NIS 6 million in renovations during the recess. including new elevators, kitchens, an improved meat canteen, and more rooms.

The first art exhibition in the MKs' corridor is dedicated to works by new immigrants, reflecting the fact that the new head of the Decoration Committee is Naomi Blumenthal (Likud), who also chairs the Immigration and Absorption Committee.

Not all the changes were considered for the ed by some MKs.

better. Labor faction members were surprised to find their faction room had been made smaller to add more office space; causing a feeling of intimacy as MKs crammed in for a meeting with party leader Shimon Peres.

Tichon said he aimed at making non-cosmetic changes in the Knesset, too. He noted the House Rules have not been opdated to cope with such developments as electronic voting and the direct election of the prime

One thing that has kept up to date is MKs' wages. They got a salary rise of 33 percent this month, although there is now a stricter limit on the amount of moonlighting they can

Yossi Katz (Labor) asked House Committee chairman Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) to ensure there would be no discussion of loosening the restrictions on additional paid work, as request-

Labor MKs meet to declare support for Peres as party leader

A GROUP of Labor MKs met in the Knesset yesterday to express

their support for Shimon Peres as the party leader.
The MKs included Yossi Beilin, Yael Dayan, Rafi Elul, Yona Yahav, Ephraim Oshaya, Dalia Itzik and Mosbe Shahal. Shlomo Ben-Ami and Rafi Edri expressed interest but were unable to attend

Although the press had been invited initially, Beilin asked that the meeting be closed.

Following the discussions behind closed doors, it was announced that the MKs had asked to meet with Peres and the party to explain their position. Their main demands are to delay the elections for the party leadership and to hold elections for candidacy for the premiership only a year before the general elections.

They said they would drum up support for Peres on the street and expect thousands to sign a statement supporting Peres as Labor Liat Collins

Azani named new Prisons Service commissioner

BILL HUTMAN

NORTHERN District Police chief Cmdr. Amos Azani bas been appointed to replace outgoing Prisoos Service Commissioner Arye Bihi, the Internal Security Ministry spokesman announced

yesterday. The appointment came as a surprise, as Crndr. Yossi Levy, head of Police Investigations, was considered the top candidate for the post. The move is likely to be followed

by other senior appointments. Crndr. Alec Ron, head of the Judea and Samaria District, is Azani's most likely replacement. If Ron goes to the North, he is likely to be replaced by Cmdr. Avi Cohen, who heads the ministry's "headquarters," a relatively new post that was originally slated to be done away with, according

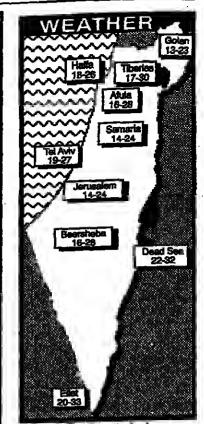
to police sources. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani has decided not to ax the headquarters, and instead offered Levy the possibility of becoming its new head.

The headquarters functions as the minister's personal advisory unit on police affairs and coordinates between the ministry and the police. "I told the minister that I will get

back to him concerning the offer," Levy said. He said he was weighing it against several offers he received from the private sector. Azani, 45, is to take his new post

in January, following Bihi's retirement. Levy is scheduled to be replaced on November 1 by Cmdr. Sando Mazor. Kahalani recently met with both

Azani and Levy to tell them of his decision. Azani served as Levy's deputy before taking command of the Northern District two years ago, and police sources said they remain on good terms.



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Winning cards In yesterday's daily Chance

draw, the winning cards were the queeo of spades, the king of hearts, the eight of diamonds and the seven of clubs.

Secular **Humanistic Jews** call for acceptance of the intermarried ELDAD BECK PARIS

THE Sixth Congress of the International Federation of Secular and Humanistic Jews ended over the weekend with a call to religious Jews to nurture and strengthen Jewish identity by accepting the diversity of the Jewish people.

The three-day conference, dedicated to the issue of "Jews among the nations," was held at the Sorbonne. In a closing statement, rejection of pluralistic Judaism by rabbinic authorities has led in some communities to the emergence of a chauvinism that focuses attention solely on Jewish concerns and ignores the problems of the world at large.

Secular Humanistic Judaism offers a con-theistic approach to Jewish identity and culture.

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One of the major topics discussed was intermarriage, with the conference calling for acceptance of the intermarried and their spouses.

Thousands of Jews are being thrown away hy their communities for the crime of falling in love. We must recognize that rejection and condemnation are not a valid way to face this pbeoomenon," said Prof. Hershel Hartman of the

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MK from prosecution even for crimes unrelatsubstantive immunity does not extend outside ed to his work, but the Knesset can revoke it. Histadrut OKs dismissals and budget cuts

MICHAL YUDELMAN

After a five-hour debate, the lead-

ership approved only some of the

proposals presented by Chairman

Amir Peretz and Treasurer Shmuel

Avital. They included dismissing

some 600 workers, reducing local

labor councils from 80 to 28, and a

NIS 10 million wage cut. A limit to

on wages for senior officials was

The leadership rejected other

proposals, however, including cut-ting the wages of elected officials

THE Histadrut leadership yesterday approved a series of drastic measures in an attempt to overcome the financial crisis threatening the labor federation's existence. including the dismissal of some 600 workers, wage cuts, and closing down most local labor councils.

Histadrut leaders warned that the budget deficit of NIS 150 million and accumulated debts of some NIS 2 billion will lead to collapse unless drastic steps are taken.

The Histadrut never recovered from the "revolution" effected by former ehairman Haim Ramon two years ago, including selling off its assets and the National Health Insurance Law, which severed it from Kupat Holim Clalit. its main source of income. The Histadrut now has a NIS 20 million monthly deficit and can hardly pay its workers or finance other

The economic measures are to save the Histadrut NIS 100 million

Zadok noted that in Israel, there are two kinds of parliamentary immunity. Substantive immunity protects an MK from prosecution for

The Knesset is supposed to refuse to lift procedural immunity only in specific circumstances, such as if the attorney-general has prepared the indictment due to political motivations. Procedural immunity does not exist in most

Zadok: Courts, not Knesset, should rule on lifting immunity

EVELYN GORDON

other parliameotary democracies, such as Britain and Canada, Zadok noted. It was meant to protect MKs from harassment via frivolous indictments and was rooted in the deep distrust of the judicial system which developed during the Mandatory period. However, he said, now that Israel has a well-established, independent prosecution and judiciary, the need for this law is questionable. Israel's substantive immunity is also unusu-

ally wide, Zadok said, since in most countries.

the parliament's walls and certainly does not include acts committed by the MK "in order to perform" his joh.

However, he continued, even if the public commission decides to leave MKs' immunity intact, it should transfer the power to lift it to the courts. The Knesset, Zadok said, is hy its nature a

political body and cannot help being influenced by political considerations, he cited the case of Shas MK Rapbael Pinhasi. The Knesset decided to lift Pinhasi's immunity in March 1993, hut the High Court of Justice ordered a revote that July During the revote, the Knesset decided not to lift Pinhasi's immunity. The only change that had occurred was the govern-

"Therefore, it would be appropriate for decisions on lifting an MK's immunity ... to be transferred to the judiciary," be concluded.

ment's coalition considerations, Zadok said.



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